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News worth sharing.

Mayor unveils plan for new light-rail system

Up for discussion. The unveiled LRT details to be debated Dec. 12 and Dec. 19

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Calling it the "backbone" of Ottawa's transit future, Mayor

Jim Watson unveiled the preferred plan for the city's new light-rail system Wednesday.

The 12.5-kilometre line, dubbed the "Confederation Line," will stretch from Tunney's Pasture in the west to Blair Station in the east. Construction is slated to begin next year and to be substantially complete in 2017, with the official opening date set for 2018.

Both Watson and the pro-

posed proponent, Rideau Transit Group, were at pains to stress that the project will be both on time and on budget.

"We have confidence in the bid that's been put forward by the group of companies that have been successfully announced today," Watson told reporters after the announcement.

"We have committed to delivering this

project on time, on budget," said Vincente Marana of ACS Infrastructure Canada, the company heading up the Rideau Transit Group consortium.

The total cost of the project crept up approximately \$15 million to \$2.13 billion since an update

from city staff in July 2011.

But that should be the last cost hike taxpayers will have to bear. Rideau Transit Group will swallow any cost overruns associated with the project, including those relating to the construction of a tunnel between the station at LeBreton Flats and the Downtown East station.

City hall will now begin a 14-day showcase to sell citizens on the plan,

bringing conceptual drawings of the line's 13 stations to various locations throughout the municipality.

The full LRT report can be found on Ottawa.ca, and the public will have a chance to weigh in on the plan at a Dec. 12 meeting at Ottawa City Hall.

Councillors cast their vote on Dec. 19.

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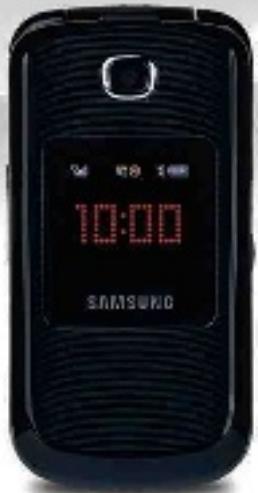
An artist's rendering of the Bayview LRT station. Mayor Jim Watson unveiled the preferred plan for the city's new light-rail system Wednesday. CONTRIBUTED

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Judge needs more time to sentence killer drunk driver

Jeremy Rees. 23-year-old killed mother of twin boys after leaving a St. Patrick's Day Party

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A 23-year-old man who struck and killed a mother of two twin boys with his car while driving drunk after a St. Patrick's Day party in Constance Bay will learn his fate on Dec. 10.

A judge said she had planned to sentence Jeremy Rees Wednesday, but needed more time to reach a decision.

On Sept. 24, Rees pleaded guilty to impaired driv-

Trauma

"I have not slept a full night in eight months."

Victim's brother John Alexander Vance
In his victim-impact statement

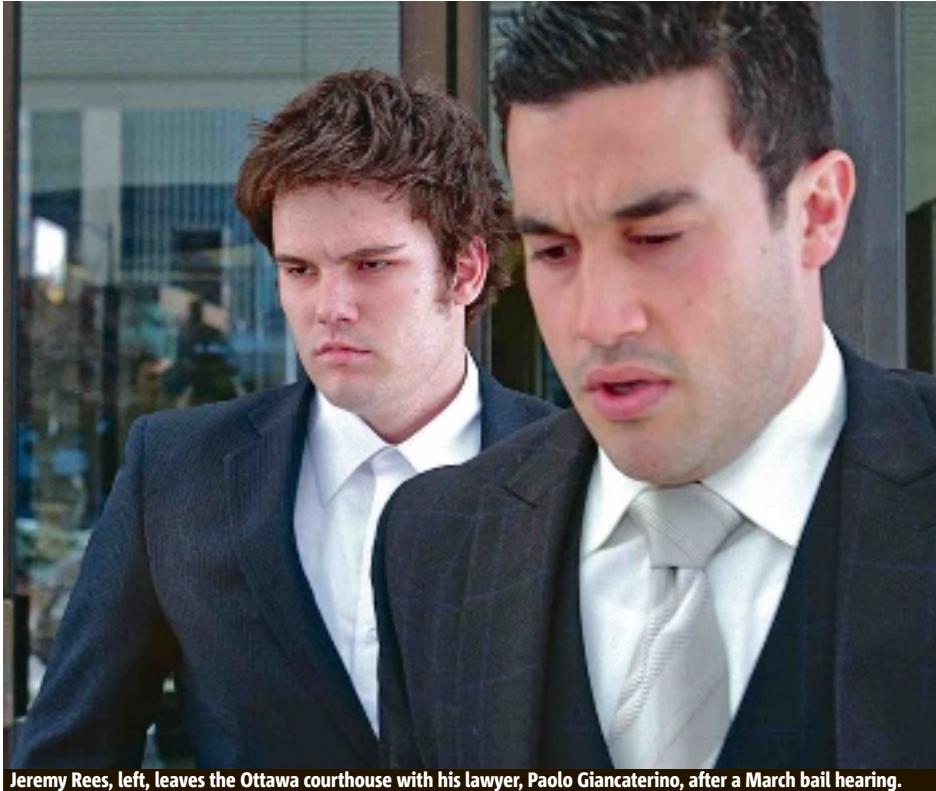
ing and fleeing the scene of the fatal March 18 collision which killed Erin Vance, 26, on Bayview Drive.

Crown prosecutor Matthew Humphreys wants Rees to get six years in jail for impaired driving and fleeing the scene of a collision. He also asked the judge to give Rees a 10-year driving prohibition and submit a DNA sample.

Rees' lawyer, Paolo Giancaterino, is seeking a three-to-four year sentence and a five-year driving prohibition.

In court Wednesday, Humphreys read aloud an emotional victim impact statement on behalf of Vance's brother, John Alexander Vance.

"The thought that my two beautiful, tender-hearted nephews will have to grow up without the love and support of their mother makes me absolutely sick with grief, anger, and misery," the statement read. "I have not slept a full night in eight months."



Jeremy Rees, left, leaves the Ottawa courthouse with his lawyer, Paolo Giancaterino, after a March bail hearing.

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Obstructing police

Ottawa police charge constable

Ottawa police have charged one of their own for obstructing police in relation to an incident that occurred on June 8.

Const. Samson Vo, 27, was suspended from duty on June 13 and will appear in court Dec. 19, police said. Police would not disclose any further details of the investigation. "This matter is before the courts and it is important that we respect due process," said Ottawa Police Chief Charles Bordeleau. **JOE LOFARO/METRO**

School-board contract

School contract deal back on table

A contract deal that could see high school teachers in Ottawa end their work-to-rule job action is back on the table after the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board ratified it Tuesday night.

The deal was rejected by the union last week after language in the contract was changed by the Ministry of Education, said OCDSB Chair Jennifer McKenzie. Now, the original deal is being re-submitted to the ministry.

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Queensway

New highway barrier to be built after car crash

A new, stronger barrier will be built on the Queensway between the Parkdale and Island Park exits, said Ontario's Ministry of Transportation Wednesday, after a car left the highway and landed in a Hintonburg yard Tuesday. Crews visited the site where a Volkswagen Jetta left the road and crashed through a sound barrier Tuesday morning and concluded a stronger barrier should be put up.

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Murder investigation

Cops seize \$15M worth of drugs

Ottawa police have seized an estimated \$15 million worth of drugs while investigating the murders of two men, who were shot to death last year, in an east-end tanning salon.

According to a news release, they discovered a large cache of synthetic substances as Benzylpiperazine and Trifluoromethyl-phenylpiperazine in both powder and pill form. Graham Thomas, 35, and Jason Chapman, 31, were gunned down on Oct. 26, 2011. **METRO**

Guilty plea

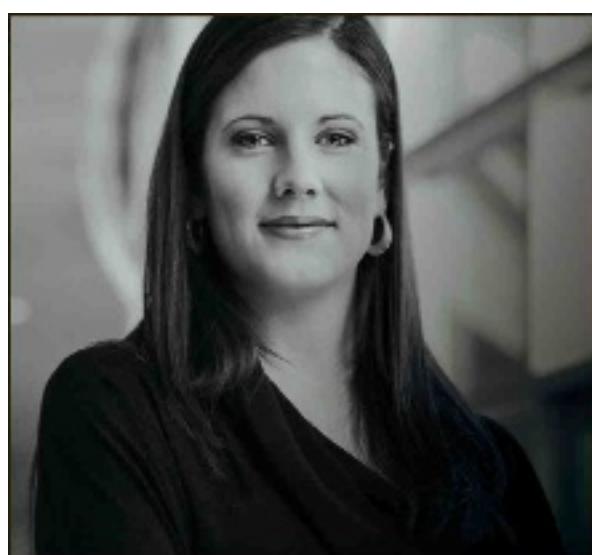
Cop fired after being charged

A Gatineau police constable was fired Wednesday after he pleaded guilty to two counts of criminal harassment and one count of breach of contract.

Const. David Bérard was arrested on Feb. 24 and released on conditions after a person came forward with a complaint. On Oct. 24 a second victim in an unrelated case came forward with allegations of criminal harassment, police said, and Bérard was arrested again the following day.

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City tries to minimize traffic, transit disruptions for LRT

Plans. Tunnel will be constructed sequentially to limit traffic disruptions, noise

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Ottawa commuters will have to detour from their normal routines during the five-year construction of the 12.5-kilometre Confederation Line.

That includes those who commute by car — with a number of lane reductions and road closures planned — and public-transit users who rely on the Transitway.

City staff and Rideau Transit Group, the preferred proponent for the \$2.13-billion contract, have been working on ways to “minimize overlap and to mitigate traffic impacts” associated with the construction, according to a report coming before council next Wednesday.

To that end, the consortium is planning on drilling the tun-

nel between the LeBreton station and the Downtown East station sequentially and mostly underground.

“By avoiding the ‘cut and cover’ construction methods, much of the tunnel and station construction will occur underground, so as to be nearly undetectable at surface level,” the report reads.

That method has the added advantage of minimizing noise and vibration from the construction, according to the reports. More noticeable, however, will be the replacement of a water main on Queen Street.

Highway 417 will also be expanded to accommodate redirected bus traffic from the closure of sections of the Transitway. That work — worth \$226 million and bundled into the LRT contract — is expected to be complete in 2015.

Mayor Jim Watson told a crowd gathered at Ottawa City Hall for the announcement Wednesday that, while some disruptions are to be expected, he thinks commuters will be “very impressed” with the mitigation efforts.

Transit

Rideau Centre connection?

- Rideau Transit Group’s proposal does not include a stop at Ottawa’s downtown mall, but it does provide for the possibility of one in the future. A report going to council Dec. 19 recommends the relocation of Rideau Station to inside the William Street mall on the north side of Rideau Street. Two “knock-out panels,” however, have been included to allow for the possibility of a direct connection between the Rideau Centre and the Confederation Line. “These knock-out panels could facilitate either a shallow tunnel connection under Rideau Street to the William Street stair and escalator core, or could facilitate a deeper connection to the concourse below direct from the Rideau Centre Expansion,” the report reads.



An artist's rendering of the future Rideau Street LRT station location. Current plans don't include a connection to the Rideau Centre, but officials said such a connection is possible in the future. CONTRIBUTED

SNC-Lavalin: Fraud allegations won't affect LRT file



Pierre Duhaime leaves SQ headquarters in Montreal on Nov. 28.

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The new head of SNC-Lavalin said fraud allegations against his company will not affect its ability to play its part in the construction of Ottawa's light-rail line.

“I understand the audience's concern about that,” Robert Card told reporters on Wednesday.

“In my own due diligence to take this job, I think this is the strongest company of its peer group by a wide margin. I'm committed to world-class ethics in this company, the board is behind me, and

they know that's a condition of my being here.”

SNC-Lavalin is one of a number of companies that make up Rideau Transit Group, the consortium being recommended to build Ottawa's \$2.13 billion Confederation Line.

Card took over in October, six months after former CEO Pierre Duhaime was relieved of his duties. Duhaime was taken into police custody last week under allegations of fraud concerning a multibillion-dollar hos-

jects in North Africa.

Card said every employee of the company now undergoes rigorous ethics training, and is required to follow that training to the letter.

SNC-Lavalin is part of another consortium chosen by the government of British Columbia to build a \$1.4-billion rapid-transit project two months ago. That 11-kilometre project will connect Burnaby, Port Moody and Coquitlam to B.C.'s existing SkyTrain line.

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Group home for disabled, blind closing

Financial squeeze.
Officials cite chronic underfunding, rising costs as reasons

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Next week more than 15 blind and developmentally-disabled Ottawans will begin their search for new homes after the group home they share said it will close its doors in 2013 due to a lack of funds from the province.

"We made our final decision to close late last Friday," said Sean Van Liempt, Chair of Therapeutic & Education Living Centres Inc. (TELCI) of the three Nepean-based group homes the organization operates. "Like many other organizations across Ontario, our funding has not kept pace with rising costs."

The price of groceries, care, outings and the fact that many residents who

have lived with the group for more than 20 years are all factors straining TELCI's \$1.6-million operating budget, said Van Liempt.

Starting Dec. 10, staff will begin meeting with the residents and their families to see if alternate living arrangements can be made with similar organizations in the city. Yet all of the province's developmental services organizations are feeling the pinch. Funding for groups like TELCI has not increased since 2009.

Over the summer, TELCI put out a call to other Ottawa-based groups to see if they would be able to take over the group homes, yet no one responded, casting into doubt whether residents will be able to find space with others.

Still, the organization promises it won't leave its residents hanging. "There is a plan," said Van Liempt. "Folks that live there right now won't lose services until they have what they need from other services."



The Nutcracker twirls into Ottawa

More than 1,000 children from schools across Ottawa gathered to see a dress rehearsal of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker on Wednesday. The Alberta Ballet will stage the production at the National Arts Centre until Sunday, Dec. 9.

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Women's shelter gets cash boost from Costco



Nelson House staffers and the members of the board of directors of the women's shelter pose for a photo with the Hunt Club Road Costco social committee for a presentation of donated food, toys, clothing and medicine. SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

A women's shelter that was in danger of closing earlier this year got a big boost Wednesday from staff at a local Costco.

"We are absolutely overwhelmed at your generosity," said a visibly-moved Barbara Carroll as she opened a Christmas card containing a cheque for \$6,500 at Costco's administrative building on Hunt Club Road. The co-chair of Nelson House was surrounded by

shopping carts full of toys, wrapping paper, books and other merchandise donated by the wholesale store's social committee. In all, some \$10,000 of merchandise was waiting to be loaded into cars to transport back to the shelter.

Louise Crichton, one of the committee members, said the donations came from staff sales of surplus merchandise samples. She said donations

Giving season
"These are probably the nicest gifts these kids have ever seen."

Nelson House executive director Mary Montgomery

have also been made to local hospitals and to Interval house, another women's shelter.

Carroll said that the community rallied around Nelson House after an internal crisis earlier in the year that almost resulted in the closure of the shelter. She said the facility serves about 15 people, half of whom are children.

"These are probably some of the nicest gifts these kids have ever seen," exclaimed Nelson House executive director Mary Montgomery.

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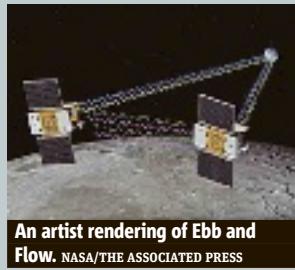
Gravity mapping

Moon's crust more battered, thinner than once thought

The moon took quite a beating in its early days, more than previously believed, scientists reported Wednesday.

This surprising new view of the moon comes from detailed gravity mapping by twin spacecraft, which slipped into orbit around the celestial body earlier this year.

Evidence of a highly-fractured lunar interior just below the surface suggests that other rocky planets,



An artist rendering of Ebb and Flow. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

including Earth, would have suffered similar bombardment from space rocks early in their history.

Measurements by the NASA spacecraft called Ebb and Flow also found that the moon's crust is much thinner than believed — only about 40 kilometres thick.

Though past missions

have measured lunar gravity — about one-sixth of Earth's pull — Ebb and Flow are the first spacecraft dedicated to this pursuit.

To collect data, the washing machine-size spacecraft flew in formation, orbiting about 56 kilometres above the moon's surface. Their positions allowed them to

peer deep into the moon.

The spacecraft also managed to see landforms on the moon in greater detail than before, including volcanoes, basins and craters.

The mission is scheduled to end later this month when Ebb and Flow crash into the moon.

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Astronaut faces year on space station

An American first.

Mission intended as a test for trip to Mars

NASA astronaut Scott Kelly is already bracing for an unprecedented one-year mission aboard the International Space Station. He figures it will be as gruelling as climbing Mount Everest.

"It's fun when you're done with it, not while you're doing it," Kelly said Wednesday, barely a week after being named to the marathon flight along with Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko.

The mission, which is set

to begin in 2015, is intended as a medical test bed for even longer Mars expeditions in the decades ahead.

Space station life can be routine, Kelly noted during a news conference.

"In the morning, you wake up, you're at work. When you go to sleep, you're also at work. So imagine being in your office for a whole year and you never get to leave," he said.

Dr. Igor Ushakov, director of the Institute for Biological Problems in Moscow, warned that the medical risks of zero gravity will be at least double what they are on the more typical six-month mission.

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Endurance record

Kelly will set a U.S. space endurance record with this mission. No American has spent more than seven months in space at a time.

• Russia, however, can boast

four cosmonauts with at least one uninterrupted year in space.

- The world record is held by Dr. Valery Polyakov at 14 months.

A star-spangled landscape

In this NASA image, the United States and part of Canada is seen at night via composite data acquired by the new Suomi NPP satellite in April and October. The image was made possible by technology that can observe dim signals such as city lights, gas flares, auroras and wildfires. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Set adrift. NASA today seems lost in space: Report

NASA doesn't have a clear sense of where it is going, an independent panel of science and engineering experts said in a stinging report Wednesday.

The space shuttles are now museum pieces. Few people are paying attention to the International Space Station,

and American astronauts have to rely on Russian spaceships to get there and back. Meanwhile, rocket-building is being outsourced to private companies, and a commercial venture plans to send people to the moon by the end of the decade.

The report by a panel of the distinguished National Acad-

emy of Sciences doesn't blame the space agency; it faults the president, Congress and the nation for not giving NASA better direction.

Academy panel member Bob Crippen, a retired NASA manager and astronaut who piloted the first space shuttle mission, said he has never seen

the space agency so adrift.

NASA spokesman David Weaver defended the agency, listing in an email several clear projects, including efforts to develop a heavy-duty rocket and crew capsule capable of taking astronauts into deep space.

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Sex-dependant abortions may revive debate

Old wounds. Tory MP fears new technology may lead to abortion of female fetuses

If Canadians thought the last House of Commons debate around abortion was contentious, the next one may be even more worse.

B.C. Conservative MP Mark Warawa is promoting a private

member's motion that calls on the Commons to condemn the practice of sex selection. Sex selection occurs when a woman aborts a fetus — usually a female one — after determining the gender through an ultrasound.

Warawa said Wednesday his motion is about discrimination against women, rather than reproductive rights. It is unlikely to come to debate until March.

"I think parliamentarians are faced with two choices: We

either condemn this form of discrimination against women and girls or we endorse it," Warawa said, accompanied by 11 Tory colleagues.

Although Warawa would not concede a connection between the motion and the wider debate over restricting abortions, the Prime Minister's Office is doing just that.

"The government is opposed to opening this debate," spokesman Carl Vallee said.

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Conservative MP Stella Ambler hugs Mark Warawa on Parliament Hill, Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec tuition battle. Student protestor gets sentence for contempt

A prominent Quebec protester accused of contempt of court has received his sentence: 120 hours of community service.

Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois had been found guilty of contempt during the student unrest, with a court ruling that he encouraged protesters to violate legal injunctions.

In reacting to today's sentencing, Nadeau-Dubois pointed out that he's already appealing the verdict.

Nadeau-Dubois was perhaps the most famous figure in the protest movement that swept the province this spring.

He was the co-spokesman of the more radical student group but repeatedly bristled at suggestions he was a leader.

Yet the charismatic young firebrand became a media darling and conducted countless interviews about the strike.

His legal problems stemmed from one of those interviews.

Some students had sued for the right to return to school, despite declared strikes. Many of those injunctions were re-



Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois
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sisted or ignored.

Nadeau-Dubois was found guilty of contempt for comments he made in a television interview — in which he called it "legitimate" for students to take the necessary means, like creating picket lines, to ensure that democratic strike votes were respected.

Nadeau-Dubois' community-service sentence was well short of the maximum penalty: \$50,000 fine and a year in prison.

Fellow protesters have raised more than \$100,000 for his appeal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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How's Kate doing? Cheeky Aussie DJs fool U.K. hospital

Prank call. Radio pair from Down Under mimic royal accents and hear the pregnant duchess 'hasn't had any retching'

The hospital fell for it — royally.

Two Australian radio disc jockeys apologized Wednesday after impersonating Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Charles in a prank call that got a London hospital to tell them all about Kate Middleton's condition.

The 30-year-old Duchess of Cambridge is pregnant and is being treated at the King Edward VII hospital in London for severe morning sickness.

A woman using the often-mimicked voice of Britain's monarch asked after



Pippa and James Middleton leave the London hospital after visiting their sister Kate.

DAN KITWOOD/GETTY IMAGES

eventful night.

"She's been given some fluids. She's stable at the moment," the kindly nurse informed the supposed queen and prince on the station's recording.

A dog yaps in the background while the alleged queen and prince talk about travelling to the hospital to check in on the patient.

"I would suggest that any time after nine o'clock will be suitable to visit," the nurse said. "We'll be getting her freshened up."

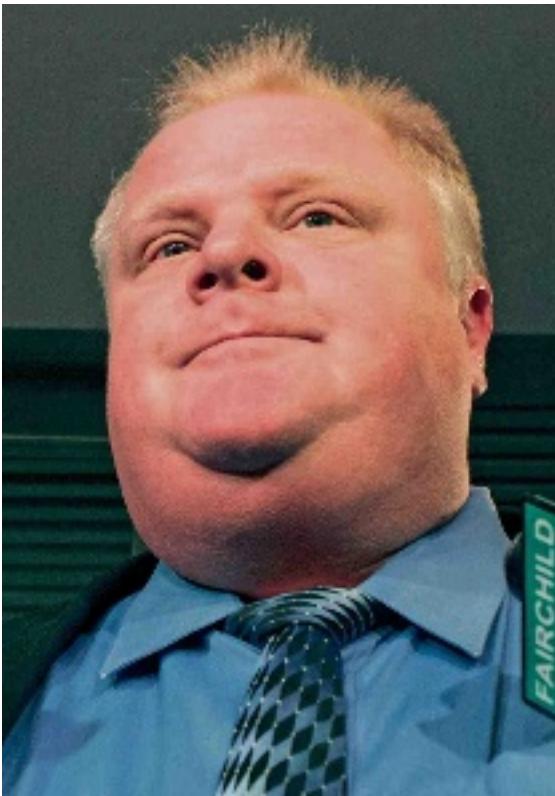
Australian radio personalities Mel Greig and Michael Christian of 2DayFM later apologized for the hoax — along with their station.

"We were very surprised that our call was put through. We thought we'd be hung up on as soon as they heard our terrible accents," they said in a joint statement with the station.

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the duchess' health — and was told by a nurse that Kate "hasn't had any retching with me and she's been sleeping on and off."

"She's sleeping at the moment and she has had an un-



Good news at last for mayor

Is that a triumphant look on the face of Toronto Mayor Rob Ford? He has just learned he can stay in office at least until mid-January in a conflict-of-interest case. Ontario Superior Court Justice Gladys Pardu on Wednesday granted him a stay of an earlier decision that would have forced him out of power early next week. This allows him to keep his job until a ruling is issued on his appeal.

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Bulldozing error

Hey, where's our lovely chateau?

Residents of a sleepy French village in Bordeaux have been left dumbfounded after discovering their local 18th-century chateau was completely bulldozed "by mistake."

The mayor's office in Yvrac said Wednesday that workers hired to renovate the grand 140,000-square-foot manor and raze a small building on the same estate in southwest France mixed them up.

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Puerto Rico's test

Can Twitter keep you out of jail?

Puerto Rico has turned to Twitter in an experimental effort to help reduce the number of violent crimes.

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Callous or cowed? No one tried to save man on tracks

Subway horror in N.Y.C. Did 'bystander effect' stop crowd from rushing to help man who was pushed to his death?

 **MICHELLE CASTILLO**
Metro World News in London, U.K.

The ugly question is: Why?

Why did no one on a crowded subway platform in New York City help Ki-Suck Han when he was shoved onto the tracks to his death?

Blame it on the "bystander effect," a psychologist told Metro World News.

Or to put it another way, a "diffusion of responsibility" actually occurs, said Dr. Scott Bea of the Cleveland Clinic Main Campus in Cleveland, Ohio.

Another psychologist, Dr. Elizabeth Waterman, said the more people who see an event like this happen, the less likely they are to help a stranger.



Ki-Suck Han's widow, Serim Han, holds a picture of him at a New York news conference Wednesday. She's reported as saying they had an argument before the tragedy. She tried to phone him later, but he never picked up.

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"The pressure for people to take responsibility is diffused among the group of others, therefore, the individuals feel less pressure to help," said Waterman of Morningside Recovery Centers in Newport Beach, Calif.

Ki-Suck Han died on the tracks at the Times Square subway station.

A gruesome newspaper

photo shows a solitary, tiny figure helplessly clawing at the platform as a Q train looms in the distance.

The New York Post ran the image on its cover, outraging many citizens.

Photographer R. Umar Abbasi defended himself Wednesday, saying he used his flash hoping the subway driver would see it and stop.

The suspect

A homeless man, 30-year-old Naeem Davis, was arrested Wednesday in the subway pushing death of Ki-Suck Han.

- **The video.** Security video showed a man fitting the suspect's description working with street vendors near Rockefeller Center, police said.
- **The charge.** Davis is in custody, facing a second-degree murder charge.

"The perp was running toward me. I was afraid he might push me onto the tracks," he wrote in the Post.

Bea said: "I would hypothesize that the photographer is trying to ... rationalize his own behaviour ..."

"The public will have a strong tendency to judge those who were present negatively without understanding the powerful nature of 'the bystander effect.'"

Psychologist Dr. Elizabeth Waterman told Metro World News what could have gone on inside the minds of the bystanders caught up in the New York City subway tragedy.

Q: The photographer claims there was 22 seconds between when the man fell and when he was crushed. Would there be any reason why people wouldn't step forward to help him within the "short" period of time?

A: They were possibly in shock and trying to process the events taking place. Also, the "bystander effect" likely played a role.

Q: The photographer is being faulted for not helping out and it looks like he is taking the brunt of the blame. What could he specifically be going through psychologically?

A: It seems as if he was trying to help the individual based on his explanation. However, I cannot say for sure. He may have acted on instinct and done what came automatically to him



Dr. Elizabeth Waterman says the crowd was possibly in shock.

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in the name of helping the individual.

Q: The photographer claims he took pictures in rapid succession so the flash would warn the train to stop, and he claims he feels he did his part and there were other people closer. Is this a common response (to blame other people for not helping)? Is it a defence mechanism?

A: Yes, people are likely to blame others when tragedy occurs and it can be a way to reduce personal feelings of guilt.

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Mother of 3 dead children faces murder charges



Sonia Blanchette arrives at the courthouse in Drummondville, Que., on Wednesday. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec. An unsteady and dazed Sonia Blanchette makes first court appearance

The father of three dead children looked on impassively from the front row of a courtroom on Wednesday as their mother was charged with three counts of first-degree murder.

Sonia Blanchette appeared

unsteady and dazed as she shuffled into the courtroom three days after the children were found dead.

When she arrived at the courthouse in the back of an unmarked police cruiser, Blanchette kept her head low and her hood up.

A court-appointed lawyer requested that she be evaluated to determine whether she is fit to face criminal charges.

Blanchette did not say a word during her arraignment and is scheduled to return to

court on Dec. 14.

The children's father, Patrick Desautels, was surrounded by family as he took in the arraignment.

He did not say a word before entering or after leaving the courtroom.

The children's funeral will be held in Acton Vale on Saturday.

On Tuesday, Desautels said his family was in tremendous pain during a brief meeting with reporters.

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The investigation

Police began questioning Blanchette after her release from hospital on Wednesday.

- Police have yet to confirm how Anais, 2, Loic, 4 and Laurelie, 5 died.
- The three children were found dead at their home in Drummondville on Sunday.

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South Africa. Life sentence for gunman in 2010 honeymoon killing

A South African judge sentenced the triggerman in the 2010 honeymoon slaying of a Swedish bride to life in prison Wednesday, calling the shooter "a merciless and evil person" who deserved the maximum punishment for his crime.

The sentencing of Xolile Mngeni for the killing of 28-year-old Anni Dewani comes as prosecutors still await word whether the newlywed's British husband, who they say orchestrated the November 2010 killing, will be extradited to South Africa to stand trial.

The bride's family, who attended the sentencing with a picture of her smiling pinned to their chests, said justice would only be done once husband Shrien Dewani stands before a South African court.

Judge Robert Henney, who found Mngeni guilty in November, did not hold back his contempt while sentencing the 25-year-old on Wednesday for the killing.

Henney said that the shooter showed no remorse and his longtime illnesses could not weigh against receiving the harshest penalty available by law.

Mngeni, who had surgery in June 2011 to remove a brain tumour, has suffered seizures and blackouts and has trouble remembering things, his lawyer has said.

In August, Mngeni's alleged accomplice Mziwamadoda Qwabe pleaded guilty to charges over the killing, receiving a 25-year prison sentence.

Zola Tongo, the taxi driver that police say husband Shrien Dewani asked to plot the killing, earlier received an 18-year prison sentence.

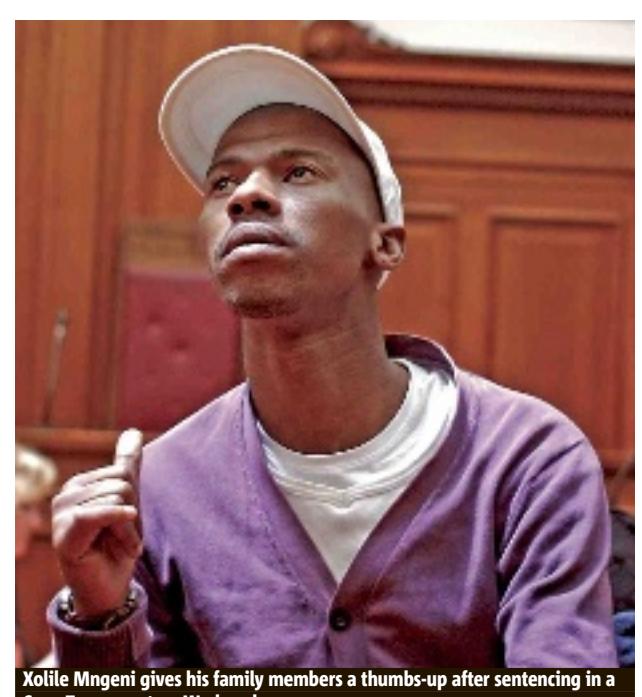
Both Tongo and Qwabe have said Dewani wanted it to look like he wasn't involved in his wife's slaying and they planned to have the attack look like a carjacking in Cape Town's impoverished Guguletu township.

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"Me and my wife have not slept a full night since Anni left us."

Murder victim Anni Dewani's father Vinod Hindocha reacts to the sentencing of gunman Xolile Mngeni.



Xolile Mngeni gives his family members a thumbs-up after sentencing in a Cape Town court on Wednesday. SCHALK VAN ZUYDAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EU slams screen producers with \$1.9B cartel fine

Brussels. 'There are victims — millions and millions of citizens,' says EU antitrust chief

The European Union on Wednesday imposed its biggest-ever cartel fine of about \$1.9 billion on seven companies for fixing the market of television and computer-monitor tubes.

The EU's Commission ruled that, for a decade ending in 2006, the companies — including Philips, LG Electronics and Panasonic — artificially set prices, shared markets and restricted their output at the expense of millions of consumers.

EU antitrust commissioner Joaquin Almunia said that the companies' actions "feature all the worst kinds of anticompetitive behaviour that are strictly forbidden to companies doing



Joaquin Almunia, European commissioner for competition speaks in Brussels after the EU issued its largest-ever cartel fine.

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business in Europe."

Tubes were the essential part of television screens and computer monitors before they were replaced by LCD and plasma flatscreens. The cathode-ray tubes accounted for up to 70

per cent of the cost of a screen, the commission said.

Alumina added that the tubes' cost gave "an indication of the serious harm" the companies had caused. "There are victims — millions and millions of citizens."

Philips and LG Electronics, which acted jointly and separately, were fined a combined \$1.3 billion; Panasonic was punished with a \$203 million fine, adding up to more if combined fines and affiliates were included.

Despite its co-operation with the Commission probe, Philips said in a statement it planned to appeal the fine since it considered it "disproportionate and unjust."

Other companies fined were Samsung SDI, Technicolor, MTPD and Toshiba. Chunghwa of Taiwan escaped fines as it was the first to reveal the cartel to the EU. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Real estate

Group launches takeover bid for mall owner

A consortium led by King-Sett Capital and including the Ontario Pension Board has launched a \$4.4-billion takeover offer for Primaris Retail Real Estate Investment Trust, one of Canada's largest shopping-mall owners. The deal, if successful, would also see RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust buy five regional malls and three other shopping centres currently owned by Primaris for \$1.1 billion. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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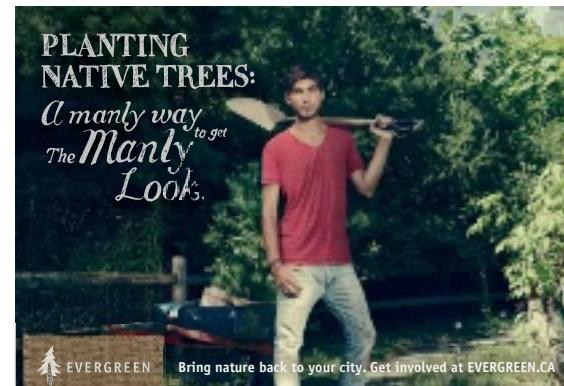
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Dramatic turnaround

CBC gets top marks from Information Commissioner

The CBC has moved to the head of the class in the federal information watchdog's books. The public broadcaster received an A for its handling of Access to Information requests in 2011-12, up from an F for its performance two years ago.

Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault will release the latest report cards for the CBC and Canada Post on Thursday.

A copy of the CBC's assessment, obtained by The Canadian Press, says the broadcaster has made "dramatic improvements" since getting the failing grade for its 2009-10 efforts.

The access law allows people who pay \$5 to seek access to federal files ranging from expense reports and email messages to briefing notes and internal audits. Federal departments and agencies are supposed to respond to requests within 30 days, but often take much longer — sometimes missing their own extended deadlines.

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CRTC denies request to review Telus' foreign ownership

Telecom. Regulator says it's satisfied with way Vancouver firm complies with requirements

The CRTC has decided not to review the level of foreign ownership in Vancouver telecom company Telus Corp., saying Telus is following the compliance rules.

The telecom regulator said Tuesday that it has denied a request by new wireless competitor Wind Mobile to review foreign ownership of Telus.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission said it's satisfied with Telus' mechanisms to comply with foreign ownership requirements, which must not exceed 33.3 per cent.

Wind Mobile failed to demonstrate that Telus' board of directors had any reason to question information received about the level of foreign



The CRTC has turned down a request by Wind Mobile to review Telus' foreign ownership.

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ownership, the CRTC said in its written decision. "Further, the commission is satisfied that Telus' mechanisms for ensuring its compliance are consistent with the provisions and requirements established in the regulations," the CRTC said.

The CRTC also said the onus is on carriers at all times to ensure they are complying with foreign ownership limits.

"The commission notes that the regulations establish the

By the numbers

32.6%

When Toronto-based Globalive — the parent company of wireless carrier Wind Mobile — made the complaint last summer, Telus had reported that its foreign ownership was 32.6 per cent. More recently, Telus said its foreign ownership had dropped to about 15 per cent, largely due to a U.S.-based hedge fund selling a chunk of its stake in the company.

type of documentation required to demonstrate a shareholder's Canadian status. They also establish that, before taking any additional action, the carrier's board of directors must have information that causes it to believe that the declarations it has received are incorrect."

Telus spokesman Shawn Hall said Wednesday the decision verifies that Telus' foreign ownership controls are effective. "The issue that Globalive put forward simply didn't exist," he said.

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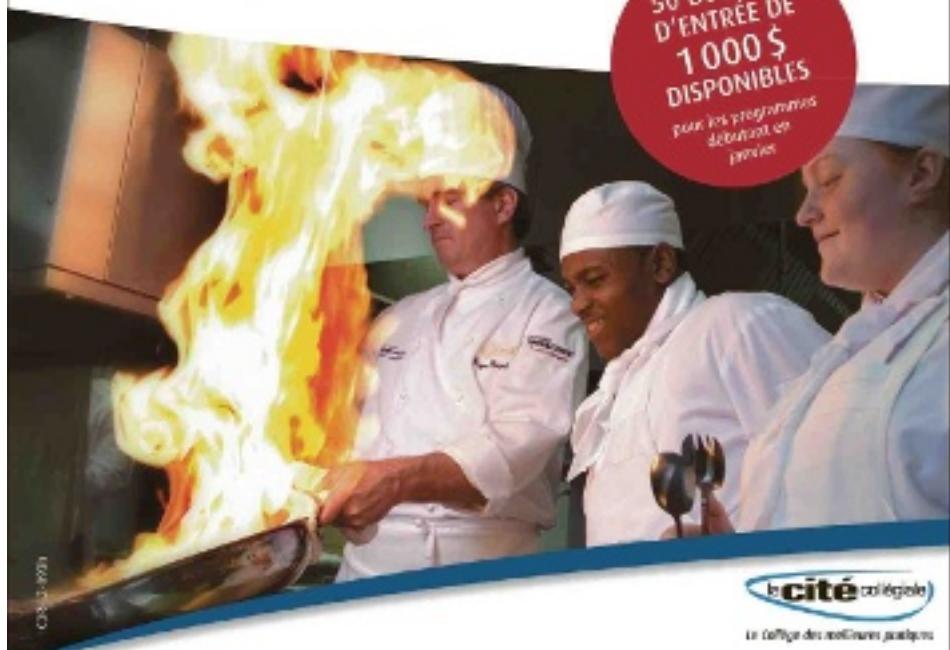
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No, instead I get to be sick in the way where you have a bunch of disparate symptoms and the doctors run tests and poke you with sticks and grimace at their clipboards before finally saying that your problem is "idiosyncratic," which is doctorese for "I don't know. What do you think?"

Fortunately, I have a theory. I think, after many years of working in the businesses of newspapers, radio and the Internet, that I've become infected with the media.

I'll explain. My symptoms point to some sort of autoimmune problem, which sounds like I'm impervious to the War on the Car, but actually means that my body overreacts to everything.

For instance, my immune system is fighting a major battle on my face right now. I'm not sure what's at stake, but my nose appears to be a strategic ridge of some sort, perhaps as a lookout for the vast expanse of cheek that lies beyond. Sometimes I swear I can hear a little voice yell, "Charge!" though that may just be the mild fever.

My skin responds to soap as if it's a bar of plague (99.44 per cent pestilent), and to my clothes as if it's No. 30 sandpaper. You could get a reasonable steam going if I were to lie down in the middle of a sauna and you poured water on my groin.

On top of all that, previous illnesses have taught me that my blood clots too well. I'm a superhero, basically, though one of those anarchist ones who responds with disproportionate force.

Which brings me back to my theory that I've been infected with media: I don't mean that I've hooked up with Jennifer in the sports department or anything — I just mean that, after years spent in media organizations, my immune system has responded to problems like a typical journalist.

If a normal person noticed one bad thing in society — a stabbing, say — he'd call it an unfortunate fluke. Two instances, a coincidence. Three, a cause for concern.

But if a journalist notices one bad thing in society, it's a "tragedy." Two problems is a "rash." Three problems is an "epidemic." As you can see, we've been using medical terms all along.

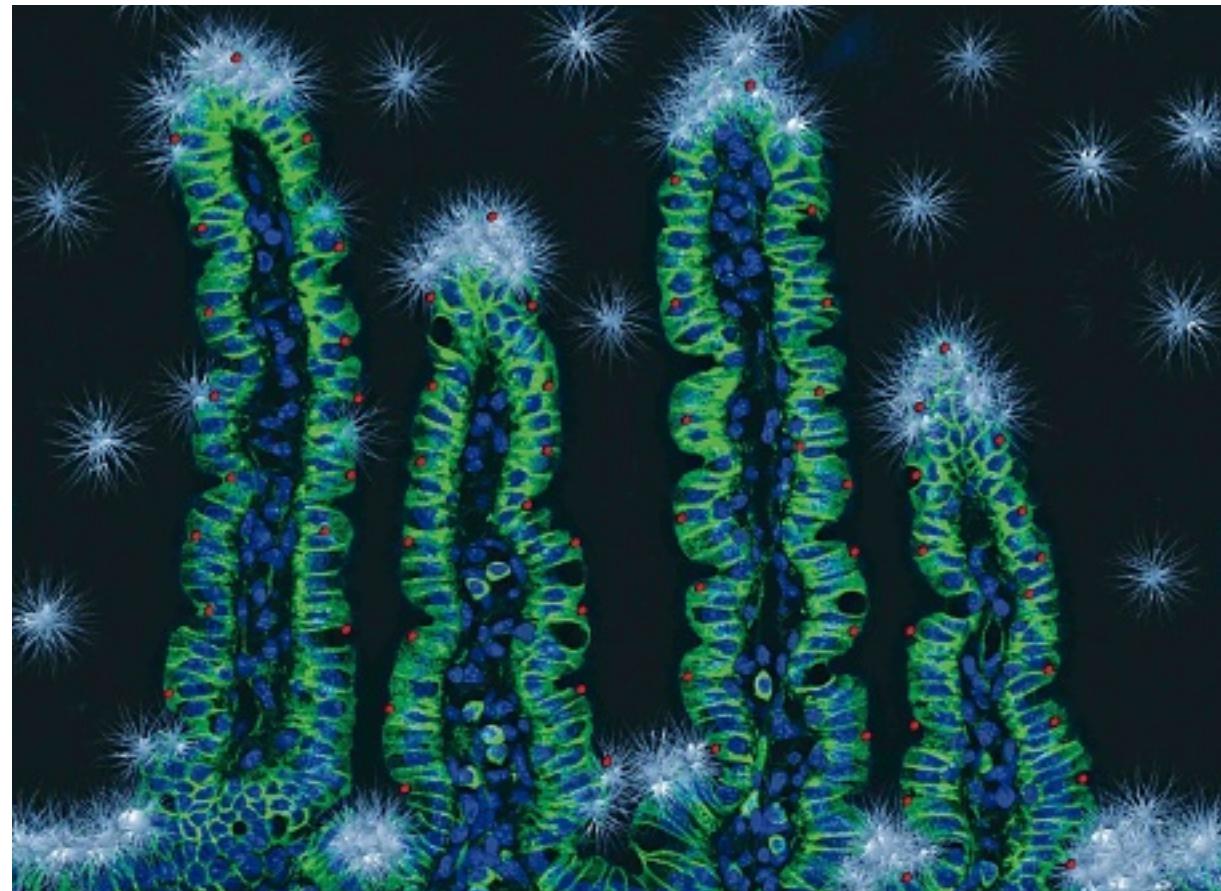
I'm sure if you were to take a microscope and look into my bloodstream, you'd see a bunch of T cells wearing press hats and carrying notebooks, scurrying around in a panicked clot asking frantic questions in unison, ostensibly at invading viruses but often at nothing — or at a red blood cell shaped like a celebrity.

Happily, I know the best way to shut down a journalist. I plan to get ego massages until this problem subsides.

Immune-system overdrive

My skin responds to soap as if it's a bar of plague (99.44 per cent pestilent), and to my clothes as if it's No. 30 sandpaper. You could get a reasonable steam going if I were to lie down in the middle of a sauna and you poured water on my groin.

My gut tells me it's Christmas soon



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Science photography

Snowy close-up of human intestine

This Christmas scene, reminiscent of festive trees, is in fact an extreme close-up of a human intestine. It was captured by Alex Greenhough and Paloma Ordonez Moran of the University of Bristol, U.K., who are researching colorectal cancer. The "snow" was added by the scientists using a photo-editing program. METRO

Q&A

Image was 'a bit of fun'

What is this image?
Alex Greenhough: It's a study of the human intestine using a confocal microscope, to detect the presence of certain proteins and cell nuclei in the organ.

More specifically, my colleague and I are studying the protein beta-catenin to understand why it sometimes becomes deregulated in cells of the intestine and

why it leads to the development of colorectal cancer.

By doing this research, we hope to further the understanding of cellular mechanisms that determine whether cells become cancerous, which we hope will lead to new opportunities for cancer prevention and therapy.

But this image seems more than science to you.

AG: Yes, the organized crypt-villus structures (of the intestine) in the image reminded

me of Christmas trees. When I heard about the university's Art of Science photo competition, I remembered the image we had captured during our research, so I quickly decorated the trees with snow (white) and baubles (red) using Photoshop software as a bit of fun.

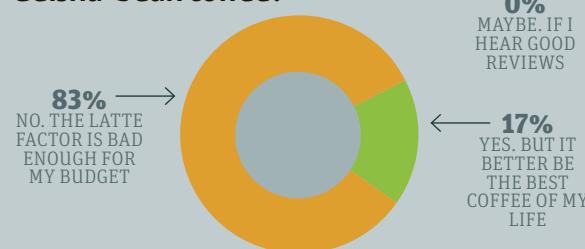
What do you hope the audience will take away from your image?

AG: That scientists are imaginative and artistic, and not the stereotypical eccentrics in white coats. METRO



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tracting me from my work!
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@stratosphere: @banphrionsacait I like to think there's a pleasant lyrical lilt to my tweets today.

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Chanteuse Jill Barber to perform at jazz fundraiser

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Thursday night, the hors d'oeuvres and entertainment are on the Ottawa Jazz Festival during their annual fundraising event — a live auction and concert featuring Jill Barber.

Catherine O'Grady, Executive Producer of the Ottawa Jazz Festival, says funds raised through this event benefit the festival's various programs year round.

"We have seven scholarships that are available through the Jazz Festival — it's quite a robust investment," she explains.

"It goes to the artists who do the workshops, to the Jazz Youth Summit, which is a group of teenagers we invite from across the country to come and participate in 10 days of workshops with professional artists during the festival and then they showcase their stuff on the main stage."

Every year, the event raises upwards of \$30,000 with the funds staying right here in Ottawa.

"It's a really, really fun, very casual and easy going evening. It's not high pressure. It's low key, exciting and fun for everyone and you get to support jazz in our community," O'Grady says.

Part of the money raised

through this event will also go toward the festival's jazz education projects, including building an all-star high school jazz band. Those students will be working with artists and musicians in the winter months in their schools and will then be showcased at the Ottawa Jazz Festival in the summer.

The Ottawa Jazz Festival's annual fundraising event also features a live performance by Jill Barber — an artist who has already made an impact on local jazz lovers through her sold out appearance at the festival a few years ago.

"Jill Barber is extraordinary — we've been watching her for a really long time. Her career is just on an amazing trajectory, so we're delighted that she is able to join us for this," says O'Grady.

On top of the concert, there will also be plenty of items up for auction, including travel packages to destinations like Quebec City, Montebello and Toronto, dinner vouchers, rare wines and vintages, tickets to the NAC and the Great Canadian Theatre Company, making this a great opportunity to get some holiday shopping done while helping out the local community.



Songstress Jill Barber will headline the Ottawa Jazz Festival fundraiser — a live auction and concert. HANDBOUT

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The Twelve Tribes of Hattie

By Ayana Mathis

From its devastating first chapter to its perfect last sentence, *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* never ceases to astonish. Ayana Mathis' first novel is one of the strongest debuts of 2012, and will be talked about, shared and loved for years to come.

Mathis tells the story of Hattie Shepherd as she and her family navigate, negotiate, and survive the twentieth century. Each chapter moves from child to child, and through them Mathis paints a portrait of a mother who has sacrificed everything, not for her children's happiness, but for their mere existence. *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* is an accomplishment in that even while

Mathis shows us the depths of selfishness, cruelty, and betrayal, she finds moments to let a ray of light shine through dirty windows. She allows her characters to be real – infuriatingly and often tragically real – but so real that you'll be frustrated at their failings and joyful at their moments of quiet optimism.

The Twelve Tribes of Hattie is a book that will live with you long after the last page. It is a book that showcases the talent of a powerful new voice in fiction, and it is certainly a book that deserves to be on everyone's list this holiday.

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Good luck trying to handicap Grammys

Music award season.

Popular albums missing nomination deadline, music politics muddy this Grammy season

It's a brutal year to be in the Grammy nominations predictions game.

Sure, there are a few safe bets. Mumford & Sons and Frank Ocean are expected to take a share of nominations when they're announced.

And popular songs by Gotye, fun., Taylor Swift and Carly Rae Jepsen may land those artists on the list as well, though Jepsen harbours some doubt her omnipresent song *Call Me Maybe* will net a nod.

"I would be so shocked," the 27-year-old singer said last week. "But this year has taught me to look forward to surprises and just be ready for anything. So, cross your fingers for me."

Viral songs like Jepsen's seemed to be the theme of the year, and with no watershed albums during the nominating period for the 2013



Carly Rae Jepsen and her catchy tune *Call Me Maybe* seem like obvious choices but even the singer isn't sure what to expect. GETTY IMAGES

Grammys like

Adele's *21* or Kanye West's *My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy*, it's not clear who will turn out as this year's top nominee.

Thus the guessing game.

The Grammy nominations period ended Sept. 30

and three of the year's top four debuting albums — from Swift, One Direction and Jason Aldean — came after that date. Rihanna also released a new album after the period ended.

All could have songs nominated, but a popular album

is the quickest way to accumulate multiple nods.

Mumford & Sons slipped in just under the deadline.

Introduced to much of their burgeoning fan base through a 2011 appearance on the Grammys, the British folk-rock band could return

with a flourish after selling 600,000 copies of *Babel* in the first week of release and setting streaming records on Spotify.

Sean Garrett, a producer for artists like Usher and Beyoncé with multiple Grammy nominations, said a lack

Quote

"It was sort of an iffy kind of year in my opinion. I'm going to be honest: I think the politics kind of slowed the music down."

Sean Garrett
Music producer on why this year is so hard to call a clear winner

of clear trends during the nominating period made it difficult to guess going into the show.

"It was sort of an iffy kind of year in my opinion," Garrett said in a phone interview. "I'm going to be honest: I think the politics kind of slowed the music down."

He expects pop stars like Jepsen, Bieber, Swift and Korean sensation PSY to take home nominations, but doesn't see an artist accumulating a high number of nominations. That could leave room for newer acts, some of which he claims are his favourites.

"They have a very clever sound," Garrett said.

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Flashpoint ending with a two-part bang

Series finale. The first Canadian series since Due South to find international success is racing to the finish with a pair of heart-stopping episodes

Canada's cross-border cop smash Flashpoint is about to go out with a bang with an explosive two-part finale sending the elite team of Toronto officers racing to stop a serial bomber from taking the entire city hostage.

Flashpoint star Enrico Colantoni said it's a thrilling end to the made-in-Canada procedural, which airs Part 1 of a tense finale on Thursday. Part 2 airs Dec. 13.

Expectations are big for the conclusion, with Colantoni admitting that even he wondered how writers could adequately wrap up one of the country's top cop shows. Its nail-biting life-or-death crises have been a weekly tradition for five seasons.

"The expectation was always: How are they going to close it? How are they going to end it? And when you're



Enrico Colantoni as Sgt. Gregory Parker in CTV's Flashpoint, Canada's cross-border cop smash. HANDOUT

used to doing a show that's operating at nine (out of 10) and 10 out of 10, you wonder what they will do. And they did (it)," Colantoni said from the set last June, where hallways were filled with "for sale" items including discarded wardrobe and a mish-

mash of props.

"For the first time, my character really has to go outside of his comfort zone. ... There's no room for peace in these last two episodes, there's no room for calm, there's no room for stepping back. There's only being

ahead of the situation and really living in the solution of it and (thinking) 'How are we going to do this?' Because it's so outrageous and so crazy."

The two-part finale begins with the team discovering a sophisticated bomb hidden amid the computer servers

Quoted

"The expectation was always: How are they going to close it?"

Enrico Colantoni
Flashpoint star

of a 911 communications centre. From there, they learn more explosives have been stashed in other public buildings and that a deranged bomber is intent on inflicting widespread carnage.

In order to contain the threat, Team 1 joins forces with firefighters, paramedics and the military, resulting in a high-octane tribute to all emergency responders, said writer and co-creator Stephane Morgenstern.

"I think we've managed to balance the sense of crisis and tragedy that we were looking for because the stakes are big," said Morgenstern, who launched the series with writer and co-creator Mark Ellis in July 2008.

"But at the same time, (there's) a sense of life-affirming forward motion of the future of Team 1, that things are not completely

coming to an end now, that there is a sense of a legacy for the team as well."

She said pains were taken to address ongoing storylines for Colantoni's team leader Sgt. Greg Parker, Hugh Dillon's sharp-shooter Ed Lane, Amy Jo Johnson's negotiator Jules Callaghan, David Paetkau's sniper Sam Braddock and Sergio Di Zio's explosives expert Spike Scarlatti.

"We knew where we wanted to take Sam and Jules and I think that's going to be satisfying for Sam and Jules fans," she said.

There's no question that Flashpoint has made its mark on the Canadian TV industry, proving to skeptics that homegrown fare could be popular, acclaimed and internationally successful all at the same time.

The slick show debuted four years ago on CTV and CBS, drawing 1.13 million viewers in Canada and 8.72 million viewers in the United States. It was the first Canadian series since Due South to air in network prime time on both sides of the border, paving the way for a wave of other Canadian series to also strike U.S. deals. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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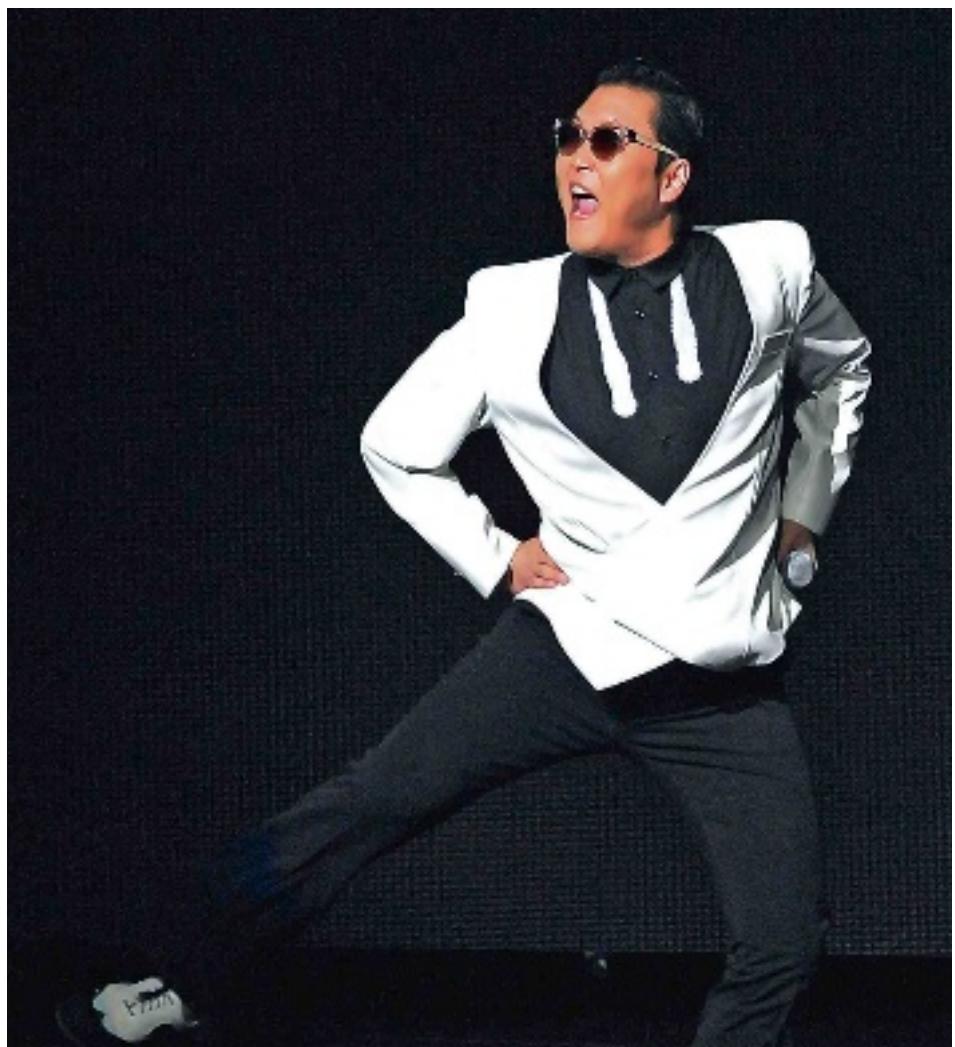
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Dancing all the way to the bank: PSY's Gangnam style should make him quite wealthy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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How Gangnam Style will make PSY a millionaire

Financial breakdown. Be it YouTube, downloads or TV ads, the Korean sensation is set to make millions from one song

As Gangnam Style gallops toward one billion views on YouTube, the first Asian pop artist to capture a massive global audience has gotten richer click by click. So too has his agent and his grandmother.

But the money from music sales isn't flowing in from the rapper's homeland South Korea or elsewhere in Asia. With one song, 34-year-old Park Jae-sang — better known as PSY — is set to become a millionaire from YouTube ads and iTunes downloads, underlining a shift in how money is being made in the music business.

An even bigger dollop of cash will come from TV commercials. From just those sources, PSY and his camp will rake in at least \$7.9 million this year, according to an analysis by The Associated Press of publicly available information and industry estimates. But for online music sales in South Korea, he'll earn less than \$60,000.

Here's how it works.

YouTube

Gangnam Style, with its catchy tune and much imitated horse-riding dance, is the most-watched video on YouTube ever. The viral video has clocked more than 880 million YouTube views since its July release, beating Justin Bieber's Baby, which racked up more than 808 million views since February 2010. PSY's official channel on YouTube, which curates his songs and videos of his concerts, has nearly 1.3 billion views.

TubeMogul, a video ad buying platform, estimates that PSY and his agent YG Entertainment have raked in about \$870,000 as their share of the revenue from ads that appear with YouTube videos. The Google Inc.-owned video service keeps approximately half. PSY and YG Entertainment also earn money from

One-hit wonder?

"When this slows down, what comes next for PSY?"

David Bakula, Nielsen analytics vice-president.

views of videos that parody his songs. Google detects videos that use copyrighted content. Artists can have the video removed or allow it to stay online and share ad revenue with YouTube.

In the last week of September, when Gangnam Style had 300 million views, more than 33,000 videos were identified by the content identification system as using Gangnam Style. But since YouTube can be accessed from all over, wouldn't Asia be responsible for a chunk of the \$870,000? The countries with the second and third-highest views of the video are Thailand and South Korea. And the country with the most views of PSY's song? The U.S.

Legal downloads, CDs

Gangnam Style has been downloaded 2.7 million times in the U.S. and has been the No. 1 or No. 2 seller for most weeks since its debut, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

The song sells for \$1.29 on Apple's iTunes Store, the market leader in song downloads. Apple generally keeps about 30 per cent of all sales, so the PSY camp could be due more than \$2.4 million. How much PSY keeps and how much goes to his managers, staff and record label is unclear. South Korean industry insiders said PSY likely gets 70 per cent and YG Entertainment 30 per cent for U.S. downloads.

But earnings from downloads in PSY's homeland are far from an embarrassment of riches. South Koreans pay less than \$10 a month for a subscription to a music service that allows them to download hundreds of songs or have unlimited access to a music streaming service. That makes the cost of a downloaded song about 10 cents on average. The average price for streaming a song is 0.2 cents.

Gangnam Style was downloaded more than 3.6 million times and streamed around 40 million times. That adds up to a little more than \$61,000. As for many other parts of Asia, illegal downloads and pirated CDs are so pervasive that only a small minority are willing to pay up for the legal versions.

TV commercials

PSY has been jetting around the world, performing on shows such as The X-Factor Australia and NBC's Today Show, but such programs usually cover travel costs and not much else, said Gary Bongio-

vanni, editor-in-chief of concert trade magazine Pollstar.

It is TV commercials that are the big money spinner for the most successful of South Korea's K-pop stars. PSY has been popping up in TV commercials in South Korea for top brands such as Samsung Electronics and mobile carrier LG Uplus. Chung Yu-seok, an analyst at Kyobo Securities, estimates PSY's commercial deals would amount to five billion won (\$4.6 million) this year.

The family

A fact little known outside South Korea is that PSY's father, uncle and grandmother own a combined 30 per cent of DI Corp., a company which makes equipment that semiconductor companies use to make computer chips.

It's a stretch to plausibly explain how the success of Gangnam Style will boost DI's profits, but that doesn't matter to the South Korean stock market. Perhaps inspired by the pure power of pop, DI shares surged eightfold from July after PSY's hit reached No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 and No. 1 on the U.K. singles chart.

It was time to cash in for PSY's grandmother, who sold 5,378 shares for about \$65,000. The share price has fallen since then, but is still about double what it was before the release of Gangnam Style. PSY's agent YG Entertainment has also done well. Its share price is up about 30 per cent since mid-July. The value of CEO Yang Hyun-suk's stake has swelled to about \$200 million, making him the richest man in South Korea's entertainment industry.

The future

The question now hanging over PSY is whether he will replicate the blockbuster success of Gangnam Style or end up remembered as a one-hit wonder.

"When this slows down, what comes next for PSY?" said Nielsen analytics vice-president David Bakula. "Is it the evolution of a new musical style, something audiences are going to be craving, or is it something that's just a passing fancy?" Analysts say Gangnam Style alone will not be enough to propel PSY into the ranks such as Adele and may not even be enough to make him the top-grossing K-pop star. That will depend largely on his upcoming album, which PSY said will be released in March.

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Rihanna getting set to marry Chris Brown?

Anyone who follows Rihanna's Twitter feed knows that Chris Brown is definitely back in her life in a big way.

But the latest news still comes as a shock.

Rihanna is reportedly planning to marry Brown in a secret New Year's Eve ceremony while the pair are visiting her native Barbados for the holidays, according to Hollyscoop.

One person not too thrilled about the rumoured

Quote

"She called Rihanna to yell at her, asking what she's doing with her life."

Source

Talking about Rihanna's mother's reaction to the news she may marry Chris Brown.

wedding? Rihanna's mom.

"She called Rihanna to yell at her, asking what she's doing with her life," a source says.

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Laxative lands LeAnn Rimes in more trouble



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There was a time when LeAnn Rimes was world-famous for her talent.

Right? It's hard for me to remember that long ago.

Now she's just known for the petty drama with her long-suffering husband, Eddie Cibrian, and his ex, Brandi Glanville.

The latest?

Glanville is professing to a tabloid that she doesn't want Rimes around her sons, Mason, 9, and Jake, 5, because, according to her, they mistake her laxatives for candy.

"I, unfortunately, don't find her to be stable and I don't want her around my kids when Eddie's not there — or at least the nanny, his parents, someone," Glanville says of Rimes to Us Magazine.

"Mason, my eldest, ate some of Le's candies and got extremely ill. And Le's candies are laxatives. She has one in every purse. Mason found one on the floor and thought it was a Skittle! They don't keep sugar in the house," Glanville explains.

"He thought he finally found candy."

You know, you'd think in between learning shapes and colours, L.A. preschools would also teach life lessons to children being raised by celebrity parents.

They could teach the difference between a Skittle and a laxative or the difference between your nanny and your mother — the list is endless.

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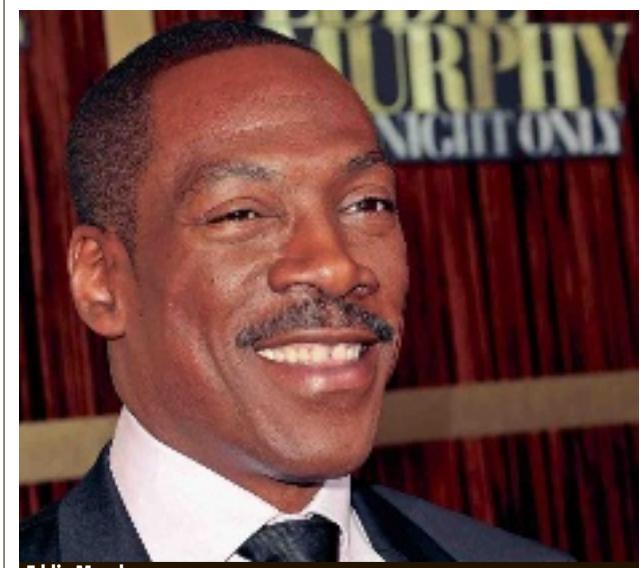
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The IRS seized Lindsay's bank accounts to settle her tax debt of \$233,904. Why bother? They'll get the same amount by returning her empties.



Eddie Murphy

Murphy's movies do little for studio profits

Eddie Murphy has earned the dubious honour of the Most Overpaid Actor in Hollywood, according to Forbes magazine's annual list.

For every dollar that a studio paid Murphy for his last three movies, the

studio earned \$2.30, the worst rate of return for a star in the business.

His only film released this year, the poorly reviewed A Thousand Words, pulled in roughly \$20 million worldwide but cost an estimated \$40 million to produce.

Second on the list is Katherine Heigl, earning studios an average of \$3.40 for every dollar she's paid.

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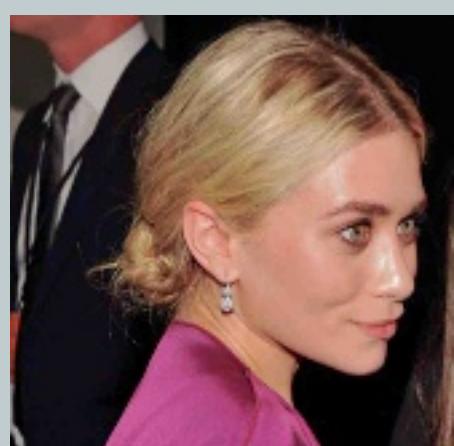


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Easy to do holiday 'dos

Kristen Stewart's hair stylist Adir Abergel walks us through festive hairstyles that are simple enough to do on the fly in your bedroom, but look like you've spent hours in a salon.

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The low chignon

"This look is classic and chic and can do no wrong," Abergel says. "It's both sophisticated and modern and will work for any kind of event you're heading off to."

1 Apply a volumizing styling whip to damp hair and blow-dry.

2 Create a centre part that is low and flat

and secure a low ponytail with a hair band.

3 Wrap the hair around the ponytail to create a low bun.

4 Secure your hair using some bobby pins.

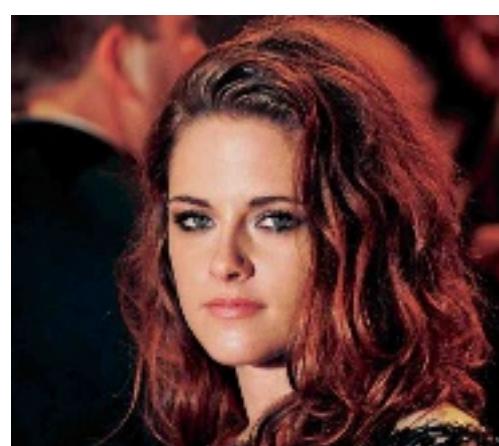
5 Spray the entire look with hairspray in order to hold everything in place.

Get the look

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Brilliant Glossing cream
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HOLD:
Bumble & Bumble Curl Conscious Holding Foam
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Casual waves

"It's no surprise that we often see this look on Hollywood celebrities as well as models when they are off-duty. These easy waves are naturally beautiful, laid-back and glamorous at the same time," Abergel explains. "And it's also much easier to copy than you'd think."

1 Apply UV protectant spray to damp hair before blowing it dry.

2 Separate your dry hair from the front to the back behind the ears and clip up.

3 Take the back section of your hair, split it in two, and clip up one of the sides

4 Take one vertical section of hair from top to bottom

5 Grab a hot iron and roll away from your face (as you roll, make sure you twist at the same time).

6 Once the hair is heated through, gently take it off the roller and let it set so the waves cool in place.

7 Repeat the above on other side.

8 Once you've gone through all the hair, run your fingers through to get your desired look.

9 Finish off with some hairspray to keep your look for longer without allowing the hair to go stiff or sticky.



The pin-straight blow-dry

"This elegant look is perfect for showing off shiny, healthy hair, and who doesn't want that? Glossy hair is the perfect accessory to any outfit and this sleek look is the best way to show it off," Abergel says.

1 Apply a lifting and texturizing spray or gel to damp hair at the roots and blow dry by scrunching your hair until it's completely dry.

2 Divide the top of your hair into two sections. Take the front section and brush it forward with a large round brush. Wrap the hair around the brush, roll it up and blow-dry

3 After smoothing the hair out, wrap each section around a large velcro roller and clip it into place.

4 Flat iron the rest of hair in order to straighten it one section at a time. Focus on the middle and the ends of the hair so that the volume is kept at the roots. Remove the rollers, comb out both sections and flat iron from the middle to ends of the hair only, not from the roots.

5 Set the look using hairspray and a glossing mist.



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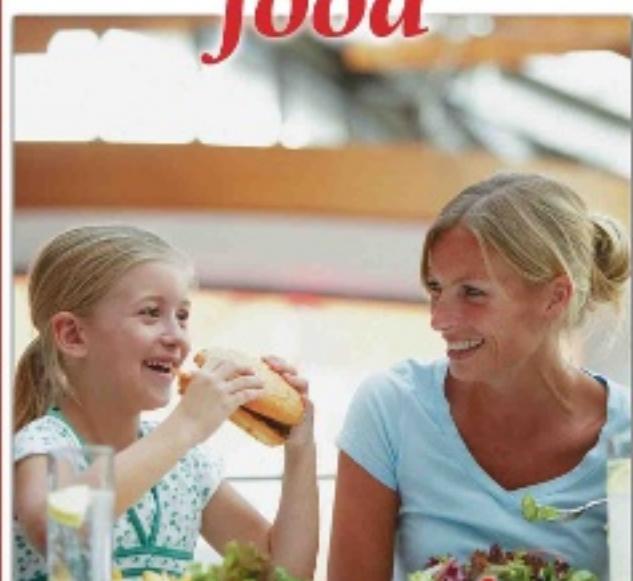
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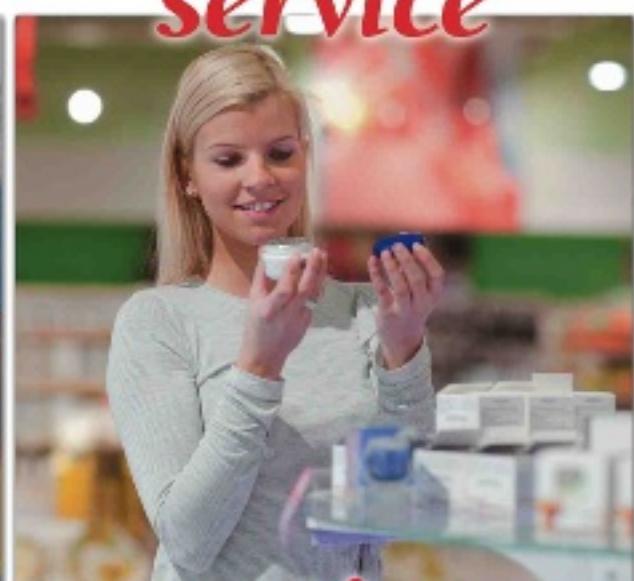
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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Ottawa

Lainy

Political Analyst and thrift store enthusiast

Age: 34

What she's wearing

Vintage boots from Kensington Market, pants bought at Marshalls, blazer by Alfred Sung, scarf was a gift from a friend.

Her inspiration

"I'm a sucker for thrift stores and bargains — nothing is more fun than finding a great deal on style!"

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Get an 'ugly sweater' to merry you

The good, the bad, the kitschy. A 'seasonal sweater' is one way to start a conversation at a holiday function

It's a look that can mean all sorts of things: sequins, bows, Fair Isle patterns, bunny rabbits and bird motifs, or even antlers. There's a fine line between a good seasonal sweater and a good one gone bad.

Even those have a place, though. Yup, there are ugly sweater parties and ugly sweater blogs. Stand Up To Cancer is hosting a social-media online ugly sweater fundraising campaign.

But before we go there, fashion insiders say there's a way to have your novelty and fun with style: Wear it in the right spirit.

From Saks Fifth Avenue to J. Crew and C. Wonder, carry good tidings and festive trimmings wherever you go.

They bring a smile — and they're a good icebreaker, says style commentator Suze Yalof Schwartz.

Who could resist commenting on the glitzy giant bow sweater, she says. But wearer beware: You will be the centre of attention.



The Fair-Isle-inspired pattern.
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How not to wear

- **Be mindful of the company you might be keeping.** Pull out the sweater on your way to a holiday brunch, a lunch with girlfriends or a family gathering, not the office party or dinner at your husband's boss' house.
- **Don't accessorize with a straight face.** "You are out to have fun in this," says style commentator Suze Yalof Schwartz. "You are not wearing it talking politics or how to save the world."

"You don't want to have it all with these sweaters," agrees Schwartz, who also warns against combining this with another popular look of layering prints and patterns.

Take your one novelty item — making sure the sweater is a long, lean shape and in a thin knit — and pair it with something simple and slim on the bottom, maybe skinny jeans or leather leggings, says Schwartz, editor-in-chief of the blog *TallSkinnyRich.com*.

Narayanan envisions these sweaters with a pencil skirt and tights, or maybe boyfriend jeans rolled at the cuff with a heel or slim cords with ballet flats.

Of course, the most traditional vintage ski design or a Fair Isle goes with fitted apres-ski stretch pants and a fur-trimmed down vest.

Kids and teens could get away with something a little more outrageous, they have a knack for making kitschy cool, says Tara Ryan, head of design for Mini Boden.

"Tween girls, especially, really like quite cheesy things done in an amusing and clever way. They like the scale to be unexpected or add an unexpected twist. They maybe would wear reindeer antlers (on their sweaters) instead of the reindeer face."

Younger kids seem partial to sweaters covered with woodland creatures, including foxes, owls and birds, she reports, and while boys like the traditional colours, girls like shiny and bright shades.

So many girls seem to have motorcycle-style boots in their closets, too, and they are the perfect counterbalance to the seasonal sweater — no matter what your age, Ryan says.

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The Saks way to do the sweater is "tasteful" with the right playful attitude, says Colleen Sherin, the retailer's senior fashion director. It's not going to be covered in Santas, but it could be decorated with clear or metallic sequins, for example.

"It's a trend for us — embellished tops and that includes embellished knits,"

says Sherin. "It's nodding to the festive nature of the season, but we're also seeing embellishment for daytime as a trend."

Anu Narayanan, Old Navy's vice-president of women's merchandising, says you don't have to wait for the party invite.

"In my opinion, a seasonal sweater is anything that signals the change in

weather. It's the iconic, go-to item that makes you feel like being cozy near a fire with a cup of cocoa. For some it may be a chunky cable, for others a holiday motif or a bit of shine," says Narayanan.

Narayanan puts antlers, snowflakes and sparkle on her list of seasonal-sweater dos. Just don't wear them all at once.

Black and gold trending for 2013



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Get advice from any old-school interior designer and they'll all give you the same rule: Every room needs a bit of black. The sharp contrast that black offers helps any room come to life. For a long time we've been getting that contrast with very dark brown, but look out for black. While we haven't seen it since the early '80s, it's on its way back in home decor.

Black's revival came out of the very dark brown tones commonly used as well as out of the popularity of grey over the past few years. From fashion to home decoration, grey has become a staple in our lives, outshining the taupe and beige scene. That grey is now darkening itself into its truest form — black.

Metallic colours have predominately been cool tones like silver and nickel. Now things are warming

up with champagne (a half-silver, half-gold mix) for contemporary homes and old brushed brass for traditional homes. The metallics have certainly heated up and any warm, golden tone will be hot for 2013.

Used in small spaces or large spaces

You might not think such a dramatic, dark colour like black would work in a small space, but if you're consistent with your tones, then any colour can work. Black adds a sense of drama and sophistication to a room and if you usually use your space at night, why not consider black as a main element.

Try to keep a balance

When mixing the black and gold colour combination in a modern space, use 70 per cent black and 30 per cent gold.

In more traditional settings, flip the coin and use 70 per cent gold tones and 30 per cent black to sharpen things up. Funny, the 70/30 rule applies to a lot of great design rules.



Organic hammered oval Angenam bowl

Hold the predictable fruit and nuts or a single candle for a golden illumination. \$20, ikea.ca.



Floor-to-ceiling style

Black floors, door frames and bookcases create a dramatic statement. ralphlaurenhome.com.



Lassalle Vanity

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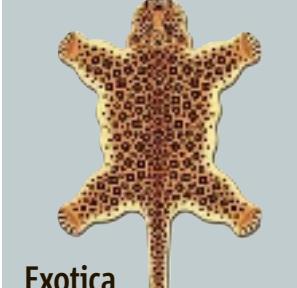
Gold pig bookends

From snout to tail, your books will be sandwiched in style. \$35, cb2.com.



Desire Gold wallpaper

Add some deco glamour to your walls. \$80/roll, graham-brown.com.



Exotica Cheetah 4-x-6 pelt

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Hakkari Hurricane lamps

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Wrapping everywhere! Pack presents the green way

What are greener alternatives to paper when wrapping gifts?



QUEEN
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The presents have been opened, the kids are playing happily and you start stuffing all that wrapping paper into a recycling bag. Sure, it beats a garbage bag, but you know you could do even better.

Just look at those lovely kids — taking the extra step is the greatest gift you can give them.

Fabric wrap

Wrapping gifts with festive fabric is my favourite sustainable option! Keep it simple by purchasing beautifully made bags and accessories from small retailers or get crafty and make your own.

Folding fabric as gift wrap is also pretty simple and the end results can be spectacular. Whether you're giving wine, flowers, a box or some irregular shaped delight, you'll appreciate the step-by-step folding tutorials at furoshiki.com.

Get creative

Who says that gifts need to

wrapped in wrapping? A boxed item can be wrapped in a scarf. Tea towels can hide wine bottles. And socks stuffed into a paper towel roller make for a fun surprise.

Maybe the kids in your house would enjoy making their own wrapping? Large bolts of cloth can be decorated with fabric paint and reused year after year. Gifts in cardboard boxes are already wrapped — just unleash the children's creativity directly on the box.

Post-consumer wrap

If you are going to wrap a gift in paper, look for wrap that

is printed on 100 per cent recycled paper, with a high post-consumer percentage. Paper should be processed chlorine-free and printed with vegetable-based ink.

Bows and buttons

It's not just the paper that causes problems.

Those bows and ribbons are a mysterious assortment of plastic, making them difficult to recycle at the end of their life. It also takes a lot of resources to produce and ship them.

Obviously, reuse the ones you have on hand. But once they've been used up, replace

them with fabric ribbon and buttons. Or take your inspiration from nature and decorate with felt, pinecones, pressed flowers and other bits of beauty located in your backyard.

It can be fun to make your own gift tags and decorations, but if crafty isn't your thing, turn to Etsy or your local holiday market. There are lots of artisans who'll appreciate your green holiday buying power.

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There's a lot of work and preparation that goes into Christmas dinner. ISTOCK IMAGES

Keeping dinner hot and ready

How does the Butler keep a Christmas dinner hot for the fancy people you work for? I just want to keep it warm for my family to make my life easier.

— Anxious Holiday Cook

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Dear Anxious Holiday Cook:
That's a great question considering all the money and work that goes into pre-

paring Christmas dinner.

So what is this great secret? Well, timing is one of the most important issues when cooking in the kitchen. You ideally want as much of your meal to be ready at the same time, but chefs (and Butlers) still have another trick up our sleeves. It's called "a Bain Marie" — a fancy French term for water bath or double boiler.

So how does this relate to your question? Well, when chefs make certain foods like mashed potatoes and gravy — or

meat — they may put the pot into a hot water bath. This keeps them perfectly hot, moist and ready to serve without cooking them further.

You can cover the pot or container you are going to put in the hot water bath with saran wrap. The water bath allows you to hold the items at a hot temperature so that you can serve them all at the same time.

Although you can go much longer, I don't keep food in the pots for longer than 30 to 40 minutes.



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DIY DECOR TIP: FESTIVE LAUREL LEAF WREATH

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Don't let your front entry experience the winter blues. Jazz it up with this beautiful and inexpensive DIY wreath.

Directions

1. Using wire cutters, cut the metal frame on wreath and remove the support from one end.
2. Bend metal frame to achieve a laurel-leaf shape.
3. To create the bow, fold one sheet of moss in half horizontally and glue together so you're left with a long skinny strip of double-sided moss. From there, loop each end into the middle and secure with a second, thinner piece of moss. Finally, attach tails for bow with hot glue.
4. Add extra sprigs of pine from your bundle to fill in any bare holes or blank spots. You will need to use wire to secure the pieces to the wreath.
5. Secure bow and accents to bottom of laurel wreath.

leaf. Decorate with ornaments to complete the look.

Materials

- Wire cutters
- Prefabricated pine wreath
- 2 moss sheets
- Hot-glue gun
- Pine bundle
- Wire
- Decorative accents (pine cones, magnolia leaves, etc.)
- Traditional holiday ornaments



Just imagine this hanging on your front door. SUBMITTED

With Hanukkah stretching over eight nights, offer variety of treats

"The Spice Cookies are loosely inspired by the German Christmas favourite Pfeffernusse and are actually more closely related to an Italian spice cookie," write Yotam Ottolenghi and Sami Tamimi in *Jerusalem: A Cookbook*.

Ottolenghi and Tamimi, who both emigrated from Jerusalem to London, England, say the cookies are popular at their four Ottolenghi restaurants over the period of Hanukkah and Christmas.

The Festival of Lights begins at sundown Saturday and ends on Dec. 16.

1. Soak currants in brandy for 10 minutes.

2. In bowl, mix flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda, spices, salt and dark chocolate. Mix with a whisk.

3. In stand mixer fitted with beater attachment, place butter, sugar, vanilla and lemon and orange zest and beat to combine, about 1 minute. With mixer running, slowly add egg and mix for about 1



This recipe makes 16 cookies. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

minute. Add dry ingredients, currants and brandy. Mix until it comes together.

4. Gently knead dough in bowl with hands until it comes together. Divide dough into

chunks (each about 50 ml/1/4 cup) and shape each chunk into a perfectly round ball. Place balls on baking sheets lined with parchment paper, spacing 2 cm (3/4 inch) apart, and let rest in fridge at least 1 hour.

5. Heat oven to 190 C (375 F). Bake cookies 20 minutes, until tops firm up but centres are still slightly soft. Remove from oven; let cool 5 minutes and then transfer to a wire rack. While cookies are still warm, whisk together glaze ingredients until a thin and smooth icing forms. Pour 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the glaze over each cookie, leaving it to drip and coat cookie with a very thin, almost transparent film. Finish each with 3 pieces of candied peel placed at the centre. Leave to set and serve. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/JERUSALEM BY YOTAM OTTOLENGHI AND SAM TAMIMI**

Dietary restrictions

Please note, the recipes on this page may not meet specific dietary restrictions.

Ingredients

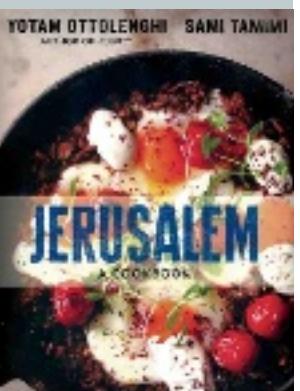
- 175 ml plus 30 ml (3/4 cup plus 2 tbsp) currants
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) brandy
- Scant 500 ml (2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) best-quality cocoa powder
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) baking powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking soda
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each ground cinnamon, allspice, ginger and nutmeg
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 150 g (5 oz) good-quality dark chocolate, coarsely grated
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) superfine sugar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla extract
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each grated lemon zest and grated orange zest
- 1/2 large free-range egg
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) diced candied citrus peel

Glaze

- 45 ml (3 tbsp) freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 325 ml (1 1/3 cups) icing sugar

Cookbook of the Week

Unique food and city



For the book *Jerusalem: A Cookbook*, Yotam Ottolenghi teams up with his friend and co-owner of his restaurants, Sami Tamimi. Both men were born in Jerusalem in the same year: Tamimi on the Arab east side and Ottolenghi in the Jewish west.

In this book, they explore the cuisine of their home city and present a collection of recipes that reflects a melting pot of Muslim, Jewish, Arab, Christian and Armenian communities.

Among the recipes are: Seafood and Fennel Soup, Kofta B'Siniyah, Sweet Filo Cigars and more. **METRO**

Latkes. North American twist on potato pancakes

1. Heat the oven to 350 F. Then in bowl combine sweet potatoes, Yukon gold potatoes, scallions, eggs, flour and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Mix well.

2. In nonstick skillet over high, heat 1 tablespoon vegetable oil. Reduce heat

to medium and add 4 rounded 1/4-cup mounds potato mix, flattening each mound to a 3 1/2-inch circle. Cook 2 minutes, then turn them over and add another tablespoon vegetable oil. Cook, turning several times, until golden on both sides, about another 6 mins.

3. Transfer to a rimmed baking sheet. Repeat the process with the remaining potato mixture and oil. Then bake on middle shelf of oven 5 minutes, or until they are cooked through and tender. Sprinkle lightly with salt, if desired.

4. While latkes are baking, in a bowl combine yogurt, chipotle, a pinch of salt and a pinch of sugar. Stir well. To serve, arrange 2 latkes on each of 6 serving plates. Top each one with a dollop of chipotle yogurt and a fresh cilantro leaf. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/SARA MOULTON**

Ingredients

- 1 lb sweet potatoes, peeled, coarsely grated and squeezed of excess moisture
- 3/4 lb Yukon gold potatoes, peeled, coarsely grated and squeezed of excess moisture
- 2/3 cup finely chopped scallions (white and green parts)
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- Kosher salt
- 6 tbsp vegetable oil, divided
- 1 cup nonfat plain Greek yogurt
- 1 to 2 tsp minced chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, or to taste
- Pinch of sugar
- Fresh cilantro, to garnish

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Let your taste buds wander

Crash course. Impress your friends over the holidays by pairing local craft beer with food



JEFF
O'REILLY
For Metro

As the Ottawa beer scene continues to grow at a rapid pace, the amount of interest in beer, and pairing beer with food, has never been higher. What better way to impress friends and relatives over the holidays than by incorporating some of the region's delicious craft beers into your Christmas entertaining plans.

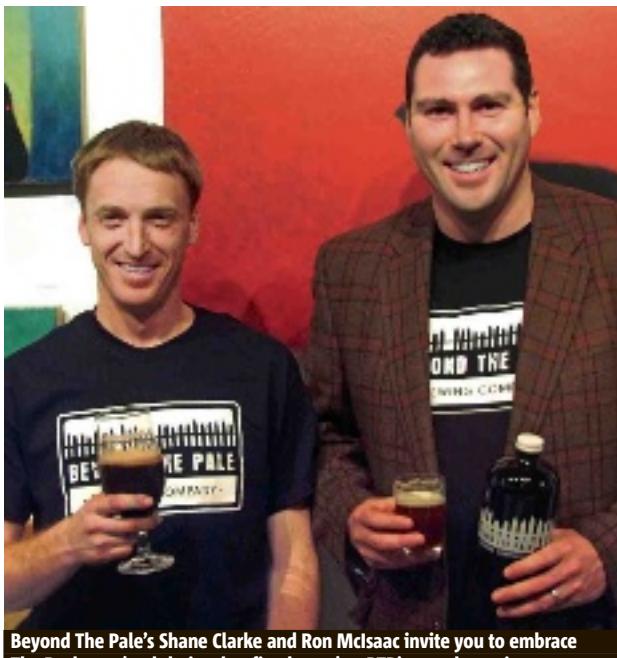
Here's a crash course in beer pairing using some wine analogies that may be closer to your comfort zone. While it may be an oversimplification in comparing beer to wine, there are similarities more times than not. But please note, beer has more complex ingredients than wine, which often makes it a superior choice to be enjoyed with food. Noting your own preferences, realize that beer is typically either a lager or

an ale — lagers are typically lighter in colour, crisper and more delicate, which are comparable to white wine, while ales tend to be heavier, darker and more flavourful, so they are frequently related with red wines.

The basic principles of putting the right beer together with the right food are complement, contrast and cut. Complementing matches the flavours of the beer with the flavours of the food — lighter fare with lighter beers and bigger beers with fuller flavoured dishes. Contrasting allows both the beer and the food to shine by distinguishing the flavours of each. Cutting is when the beer cuts through the richness of the foods and softens their flavours or textures.

Start where you are comfortable and let your adventurous side wander as you gain confidence and familiarity with these concepts and principles.

I had the privilege of emceeing the inaugural Algon-



Beyond The Pale's Shane Clarke and Ron McIsaac invite you to embrace The Darkness (and their other fine brews) at BTP's grand opening party at the Orange Gallery in Hintonburg. JEFF O'REILLY/FOR METRO

quin College Craft Beer Panel and Food Pairing Experiment last week. In a superbly executed evening, we were also very impressed with the emerging talent coming from Algonquin College's School of Hospitality.

Kudos to chef Mario Ramsay and the entire team of students who wowed us.

Beyond The Pale Brewing Company is officially open for business, launching four big, bold and beautiful beers right out of the gate: Pink Fuzz Grapefruit Wheat (six per cent alcohol by volume), Rye Guy India Pale Ale (6.7 per cent ABV), The Darkness Oatmeal Stout (5.6 per cent ABV) and Imperial Super Guy Imperial Rye India Pale Ale (9.1 per cent ABV, 90 IBUs) — you may think these are typos, but brewer Shane Clarke intends to mesmerize with massive flavours and unique taste profiles.

The Darkness Oatmeal

Beer Dinners

- If beer and food pairing is something you may be interested in The Ottawa Beer TAP (Tasting, Appreciation and Pairing) Society has a few tickets left for its third anniversary Beer Dinners, Dec. 9 and 10 at the Copper Pot Cafe. These dinners put local home brewers in the spotlight and create a forum for the art and science of beer appreciation in a comfortable and casual setting. Tickets can be reserved online at ottawabeertap.ca.



Sizzle your holiday festivities with a sparkling sizzler. CONTRIBUTED



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Fabulous festive sizzlers

White sparkling sizzlers can work with appetizers through to dessert. Here are some suggestions to sizzle your festivities but not your bank account. All these highlights are available Saturday at LCBO Vintages.

Oyster Bay Brut Sparkling Cuvée, New Zealand (LCBO #163634, \$21.95)
Can't afford champagne? This sparkler dances citrusy bubbles with creamy texture. Yum!

Jackson Triggs Entourage Grand Reserve Brut, Canada (LCBO #234161, \$22.95)
A Pinot Noir and Chardonnay blend with aromas of blossoms and baked pears.

Domaine Du Clos De L'Epinay Tete De Cuvee Brut Vouvray 2007, France (LCBO #298398, \$19.95)
Classic Chenin Blanc, ripe apples and apricots, bone dry with a lemony finish.

Masottina Brut Prosecco, Italy (LCBO #297838, \$16.95)
Fresh, crisp, citrusy on the palate to make a perfect starter.

Naveran Dama Extra Brut Cava 2010, Spain (LCBO #223602, \$17.95)
Lively flavours of tropical fruit, tiny bubbles that linger on the palate.

GRAND TOTAL: \$99.75

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The Vincent Girardin Les Vieilles Vignes Puligny-Montrachet 2009 (LCBO #300293, \$52.95) is the ultimate expression of Chardonnay from a well-known producer in the heart of that grape's best region — the Cote d'Or in Burgundy, France.

Serious wine connoisseurs on your list would be thrilled to receive this wine, and any less-in-the-know fans of this grape just may find it to be the most delicious Chardonnay they have ever



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had. Available at Vintages Saturday.

Likewise for the Fontodi Chianti Classico 2009 (LCBO #933317, \$29.95) — the label alone will warm the cockles of a serious wine collector's heart.

Fontodi is renowned in Chianti, and the Classico region is the area's heart and soul. Collector-type recipients can tuck this away in their cellars for a few years, or it can be enjoyed right away by any lover of bold Italian reds.

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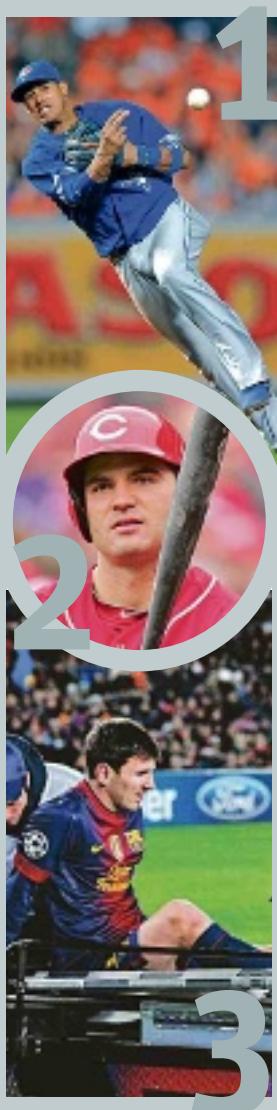
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Sports in pictures



1 **MLB.** Marlins send Escobar to Tampa Bay

Yunel Escobar's stay with the Miami Marlins lasted all of two weeks. The payroll-slashing Marlins dealt the shortstop and his \$5-million salary across Florida to the Tampa Bay Rays on Tuesday night for infielder Derek Dietrich.

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2 **MLB.** Votto gets another O'Neill honour

Cincinnati Reds slugger Joey Votto is the winner of the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame's Tip O'Neill Award for the third straight year.

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3 **Soccer.** Messi hobbled in Barca's draw

Lionel Messi was carried off with a knee injury as Barcelona was held to 0-0 by Benfica in the Champions League on Wednesday.

The club said the initial assessment was Messi had an outer bruise to his left knee.

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NHL commissioner Gary Bettman speaks to reporters after an NHL board of governors meeting on Wednesday in New York. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lockout talks gain steam in Gotham

Day 81. Sense of urgency increases as sides try to strike deal

A wave of optimism gave way to tension as the NHL and NHL Players' Association spent a second straight day trying to hammer out a collective bargaining agreement.

The sides exchanged proposals during a series of brief meetings on Wednesday afternoon, according to sources, in a bid to close the final gap in negotiations that have spanned more than five months.

The urgency was evident as a group of six league owners shuffled between internal meetings and short sessions with players and union staff at a hotel in midtown Manhattan.

By the numbers

50

According to sources, the owners are discussing a possible 50-game season. They felt a 60-game schedule was too ambitious given the current timeline.

At one point, Boston Bruins owner Jeremy Jacobs could be seen having an animated conversation with deputy commissioner Bill Daly outside the negotiating room. Meantime, players paced the halls while speaking on their cellphones.

Even though the specific details of the new offers weren't known, one aspect revealed another hurdle the sides have to cross — the length of the deal. The league's proposal called for a 10-year term while the NHLPA

continued to favour a shorter contract, according to sources.

With tensions rising, commissioner Gary Bettman and NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr kept themselves out of negotiation sessions for a second straight day. However, Bettman did provide a brief update to reporters after a two-hour gathering of the board of governors, saying he was "pleased" with how things were progressing.

That was about all he was willing to reveal.

"We are pleased with the process that is ongoing and out of respect for that process I don't have anything else to say and I'm not going to take any questions," said Bettman.

The two sides have cleared their schedules for the rest of the week after successfully get-

Splitting the pie

Both the league and union proposed a 50-50 revenue split last month, but they remain separated on payments to be made outside the system to help ease the transition from the previous deal, which saw the players receive 57 per cent.

• The NHL has offered \$211 million in deferred compensations while the union is asking for \$393 million.

ting an adjournment from Quebec Labour Board hearings that had been scheduled in Montreal for Thursday and Friday.

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NFL. Private service memorializes Belcher



Chiefs quarterbacks Brady Quinn, left, and Matt Cassel leave a memorial service for teammate Jovan Belcher on Wednesday in Kansas City, Mo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Several players for the Kansas City Chiefs attended a memorial service for teammate Jovan Belcher, who killed his girlfriend and then fatally shot himself in the head.

Retired Chiefs Hall of Famer Bobby Bell said after the private hour-long service that general manager Scott Pioli, who witnessed Belcher's suicide on Saturday, spoke during the service. Bell said an uncle of Belcher also spoke.

Several Chiefs players declined comment after the service.

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Doping. Four athletes stripped of Athens medals

Eight years after winning Olympic medals in Athens, four track and field athletes from eastern Europe were ordered to hand them back Wednesday because of positive doping tests, while Lance Armstrong can hold on to his bronze medal from the 2000 Sydney Games a little while longer.

The International Olympic Committee executive board disqualified four athletes whose 2004 Athens doping samples were retested this year and came back positive for steroids.

including shot put gold medalist Yuriy Bilonog of Ukraine.

Also stripped of medals were hammer throw silver medallist Ivan Tskikhan of Belarus and two bronze medallists — women's shot putter Svetlana Krivelyova of Russia and discuss thrower Irina Yatchenko of Belarus.

The IOC held off stripping Armstrong of the bronze he won 12 years ago in the cycling road time trial in Sydney, citing procedural reasons for the delay.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	12	4	.750	—
Miami	12	4	.750	—
Brooklyn	11	6	.647	1 ^{1/2}
Chicago	8	8	.500	4
Atlanta	9	5	.643	2
Philadelphia	10	8	.556	3
Boston	9	8	.529	3 ^{1/2}
Indiana	10	9	.526	3 ^{1/2}
Milwaukee	8	8	.500	4
Charlotte	7	9	.438	5
Orlando	7	10	.412	5 ^{1/2}
Detroit	6	13	.316	7 ^{1/2}
Cleveland	4	14	.222	9
Toronto	4	14	.222	9
Washington	2	13	.133	9 ^{1/2}

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	13	3	.813	1 ^{1/2}
Oklahoma City	15	4	.789	—
San Antonio	14	4	.778	1 ^{1/2}
L.A. Clippers	11	6	.647	3
Golden State	10	7	.588	4 ^{1/2}
Houston	9	8	.529	5
Denver	9	9	.500	5 ^{1/2}
Minnesota	8	8	.500	5 ^{1/2}
Utah	9	10	.474	6
Dallas	8	9	.471	6
L.A. Lakers	8	10	.444	6 ^{1/2}
Portland	8	11	.421	7
Phoenix	7	12	.368	8
New Orleans	5	11	.313	8 ^{1/2}
Sacramento	4	12	.250	9 ^{1/2}

Division leaders ranked in top four positions and best eight teams qualify for playoffs

Wednesday's results

Indiana 99 Portland 92

New York at Charlotte

Minnesota at Boston

Golden State at Detroit

Denver at Atlanta

L.A. Lakers at New Orleans

Chicago at Cleveland

Milwaukee at San Antonio

Orlando at Utah

Toronto at Sacramento

Dallas at L.A. Clippers

Tuesday's results

Minnesota 105 Philadelphia 88

Washington 105 Miami 101

Oklahoma City 117 Brooklyn 111

Houston 107 L.A. Lakers 105

Memphis 108 Phoenix 98 (OT)

Indiana 80 Chicago 76

Thursday's games — All Times Eastern

New York at Miami, 8 p.m.

Dallas at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's games

Denver at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Golden State at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.

Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Toronto at Utah, 9 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.

Orlando at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	Avg
Bryant, LAL	18	169	131	503	27.9
Anthony, NYK	16	147	94	425	26.6
Durant, OKL	19	162	149	503	26.5
James, Mia	16	158	59	397	24.8
Harden, Hou	17	120	130	401	23.6
Westbrook, OKL	19	143	84	397	20.9
Aldridge, Por	17	145	64	354	20.8
Mayo, Dal	17	119	56	343	20.2
Bosh, Mia	16	112	82	309	19.3
Pierce, Bos	17	102	92	326	19.2
Lillard, Por	18	117	65	343	19.1
Curry, GoS	17	110	59	322	18.9
Duncan, SA	17	129	62	322	18.9
Gay, Mem	16	113	52	297	18.6
Howard, LAL	18	119	95	334	18.6
Ellis, Mil	16	114	58	298	18.6
DeRoza, Tor	18	124	74	331	18.4
Holiday, Phi	18	127	53	327	18.2
Parker, SA	16	121	41	289	18.1
Deng, Chi	16	109	55	288	18.0
Randolph, Mem	16	110	63	283	17.7
Batum, Por	18	107	56	317	17.6
Crawford, LAC	17	98	69	300	17.6
Griffin, LAC	17	122	53	297	17.5
Anderson, NO	16	105	18	280	17.5
Lee, GoS	17	123	50	296	17.4
Bargnani, Tor	17	110	48	295	17.4
West, Ind	18	126	60	312	17.3
Jennings, Mil	16	105	32	272	17.0
Jefferson, Uta	19	136	44	317	16.7
Walker, Cha	16	97	59	266	16.6
Williams, Bro	17	91	70	279	16.4
Paul, LAC	17	97	66	276	16.2
Afflalo, Orl	17	106	39	274	16.1
Smith, Atl	13	91	22	209	16.1
Cousins, Sac	14	90	43	224	16.0
Matthews, Por	18	100	48	287	15.9
Horford, Atl	13	92	23	207	15.9
Davis, Orl	17	112	45	269	15.8
Parsons, Hou	16	93	29	252	15.8
Gasol, Mem	16	91	70	252	15.8
Monroe, Det	19	119	60	298	15.7
Johnson, Bro	17	102	32	266	15.6
Garnett, Bos	17	106	53	265	15.6
Martin, Okl	19	88	79	297	15.6
Sessions, Cha	16	79	85	250	15.6
Gallinari, Den	17	89	59	264	15.5
Dragic, Pho	19	103	57	294	15.5
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Elizabeth Bennett, England	35-34-69

SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	Avg
Bryant, LAL	18	169	131	503	27.9
Anthony, NYK	16	147	94	425	26.6
Durant, OKL	19	162	149	503	26.5
James, Mia	16	158	59	397	24.8
Harden, Hou	17	120	130	401	23.6
Westbrook, OKL	19	143	84	397	20.9
Aldridge, Por	17	145	64	354	20.8
Mayo, Dal	17	119	56	343	20.2
Bosh, Mia	16	112	82	309	19.3
Pierce, Bos	17	102	92	326	19.2
Lillard, Por	18	117	65	343	19.1
Curry, GoS	17	110	59	322	18.9
Duncan, SA	17	129	62	322	18.9
Gay, Mem	16	113	52	297	18.6
Howard, LAL	18	119	95	334	18.6
Ellis, Mil	16	114	58	298	18.6
DeRoza, Tor	18	124	74	331	18.4
Holiday, Phi	18	127	53	327	18.2

Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

If you start something new today, there is every chance it will succeed — so get busy! Mars in the career area of your chart gives you the drive and the ambition you will need to undertake a major new project.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Play to your strengths today and you won't go far wrong. Decide what it is that means the most to you and focus on it to the exclusion of everything else. If others say you are being selfish, take it as a compliment!

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You now have the drive and the determination to accomplish something out of the ordinary. The fact that others say it cannot be done — or should not be done — will encourage you to prove them wrong. You love a challenge.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

A breakthrough of some kind is possible but you have to be proactive. If you just sit there waiting for events to come round your way, you may be waiting a very long time. What can you do to speed things along?

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Good luck will come to you over the next 24 hours but not in the form of material things. Most likely, it will be in the shape of a friend whose wise words are worth more than all the gold you could carry.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You are under fortunate stars at the moment and if you don't quite believe that now, you will start to believe it over the next few days. The more you think and act lucky, the more luck you will attract.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It is probably going too far to claim that you can transform your life over the next 24 hours but you can certainly change it in important ways. You are already moving in the right direction. All you have to do is take longer strides.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If you feel compelled to move in a new direction, you must not fight against it. It may seem strange to you now but over the next few days you will see that it is entirely to your benefit. Trust your instincts.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Why are you so defensive? Why do you insist on believing that the world is against you and you need to protect yourself? It's time to snap out of it. Reality is what you want it to be, so lighten up and live.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Put yourself in the spotlight today so that employers and others in authority can see who you are and what you can do. Yes, some people may think you are being too pushy but better that than you not pushing at all.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

If you want to make changes then now is the time. Don't take it as a bad sign if certain people try to talk you out of it or place obstacles in your path. They're just afraid you'll succeed. And you will.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Some people never stop moaning about how tough life is, but it isn't true. Each day can be a new beginning and each day can be full of every joy imaginable. Make love and laughter your watchwords today. **SALLY BROMPTON**

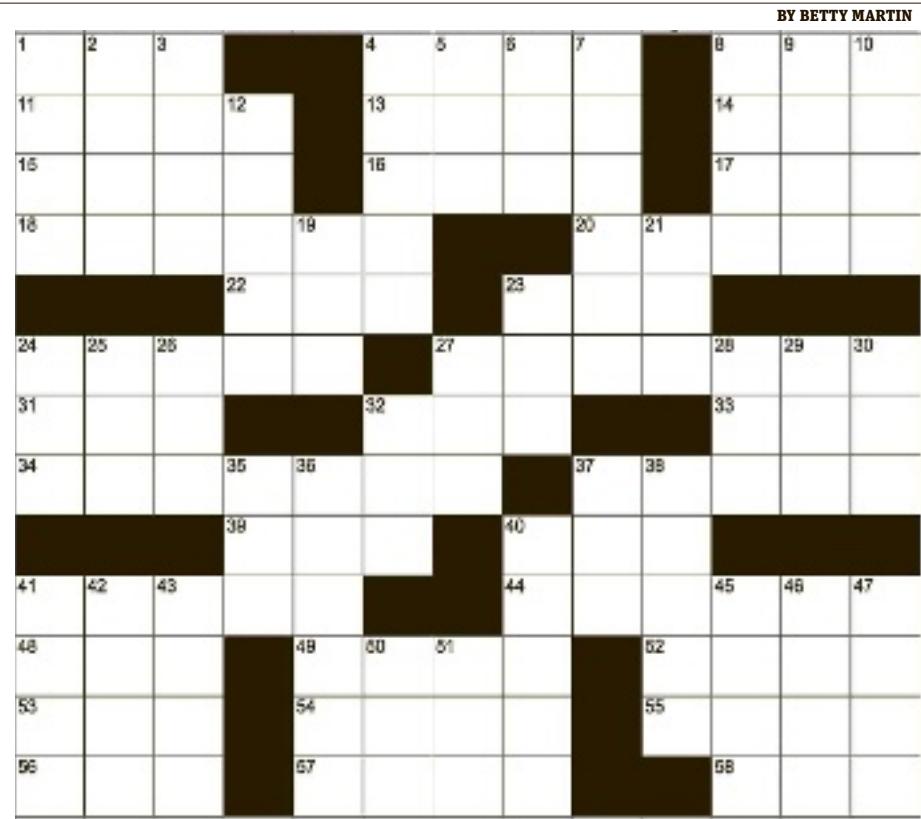
Crossword

Across

1. Actor James Van Beek
4. Cigarette substances
8. Globe
11. Brainstorm
13. Beatles Meter Maid
14. By way of
15. Glitch or hitch
16. Paradise
17. Height abbr.
18. Vacation necessity
20. Wooded valleys
22. Volleyball need
23. "I am —"
24. Scolds
27. Peter Falk drama
31. Bullring cheer
32. Food morsel for Mister Ed
33. Dinghy mover
34. Chic
37. Over yonder
39. Want ad abbr.
40. Ocean
41. Trample
44. Grease pencil, for one
48. Hit lightly
49. Dueling sword
52. Yearn
53. Letter after ka in Spanish
54. Math calculation
55. Halt
56. Ink holder
57. Ogle
58. Winding curve

Down

1. Computer data holder
2. Charlotte Rae on *The Facts of Life*
3. Paper quantity
4. Halloween candy
5. Pitch in
6. Map abbr.
7. Summer shoe
8. Racetrack shape
9. Brook
10. Belfry dwellers
12. Broker
19. Matter for the courts
21. Aussie bird
23. Tippler
24. Eggs
25. — in the Family
26. Indicates maiden name
27. Family pet
28. One of The Three Stooges
29. Cheers was one
30. Source for raw metal
32. Toronto province
35. Herd
36. Implore
37. Some like it hot
38. Heavenly strings
40. Daub



41. Ladder rung
42. Yarn
43. — Mike with Mike Bullard
45. Stringed toy
46. The Dukes of Hazzard spin-off
47. Bodybuilder's count
50. Prior to
51. Wide shoe spec

Yesterday's Crossword



What's online

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Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

0	2	5	3	6	8	1	4	7
9	3	4	8	1	7	2	6	5
1	7	6	4	2	5	8	3	9
2	5	3	6	7	8	4	9	1
4	9	7	2	3	1	8	5	6
6	1	8	9	5	4	7	2	3
3	4	9	7	8	6	5	1	2
7	8	1	5	9	2	3	8	4
5	0	2	1	4	3	8	7	6

6	9		1	5	3
8		9			7
2		7			1
9					5
	6	8	9	7	4
1					
5			7	9	
3			4	8	
8	1	2	3		

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